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Celebrating the life of Marjorie Cantley Rawls.

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Cantley Rawls, a respected educator and a passionate advocate for the fine arts in Virginia Beach, died on June 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk, Marjorie "Jean" Cantley Rawls graduated from Norview High School and received bachelor's and master's degrees from Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, Jean Rawls began her career in education, instilling an appreciation for the arts in countless students throughout Virginia Beach; she retired from Princess Anne High School as an advanced placement art history teacher to pursue a second career as a painter; and

WHEREAS, Jean Rawls found her artistic inspiration in the natural world, using landscapes to explore color, texture, and unique patterns of light and shadow; her work was shown in galleries throughout the region, and many of her pieces hang in private collections; and

WHEREAS, Jean Rawls served as chair of the Artists Gallery, an art center in Virginia Beach, and was a longtime member of the Silver Tappers volunteer dance troupe; and

WHEREAS, Jean Rawls worked tirelessly to build support among donors, city officials, and the arts community for the Virginia Beach Art Center; her diligent efforts came to fruition when the center opened on May 3, 2019, ensuring that future generations have a dynamic space to create and appreciate art; and

WHEREAS, Jean Rawls will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her loving husband, Mac; her children, Susan and Michael, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Marjorie Cantley Rawls, an educator and a champion for the fine arts in Virginia Beach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Marjorie Cantley Rawls as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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