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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 408

Offered March 2, 2020

*Commending Mary Reid Barrow.*

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WHEREAS, Mary Reid Barrow, a pillar in the Commonwealth's journalist community and a leader in the Tidewater Region, recently retired; and

WHEREAS, Mary Reid Barrow was born Mary Reid Dunn in Richmond and graduated from the Collegiate School for Girls before enrolling at Sweet Briar College in Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, Mary Reid Barrow's journalistic career began by joining her mother as a writer for the women's pages of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Mary Reid Barrow's more than 40-year career was spent dedicated to writing about and advocating for the Tidewater Region's flora and fauna in the *Virginian-Pilot*; and

WHEREAS, Mary Reid Barrow shared her love of Tidewater's natural resources and local cuisine with a national audience by co-publishing *The Great Taste of Virginia Seafood: A Cookbook and Guide to Virginia Waters* and publishing *The Virginia Beach Harvest Cookbook*; and

WHEREAS, Mary Reid Barrow's commitment to sustainability and conservation was not limited to her writings, and she was heavily involved in philanthropic causes promoting those ideals; and

WHEREAS, Mary Reid Barrow helped found Buy Fresh Buy Local Hampton Roads and Lynnhaven River Now, served on the board of the Friends of False Cape State Park and the Virginia Beach SPCA, and extensively volunteered with the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center; and

WHEREAS, Mary Reid Barrow has received numerous awards for her tireless efforts in support of conservation, sustainability, and the Tidewater ecosystem, including her selection as the inaugural Conservationist of the Year by the Back Bay Restoration Foundation and the naming of a new Cattleya orchid hybrid in her honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mary Reid Barrow on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Reid Barrow as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her tireless service on behalf of the Tidewater community and her storied career in journalism.

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