## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 712**

Celebrating the life of Ashley Gwaltney Smith.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 3, 2021

WHEREAS, Ashley Gwaltney Smith, a Virginia native and a beloved wife, mother, daughter, and friend, died on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Smith was born in Suffolk and grew up in Windsor on her family's farm; she graduated from Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Smith worked for the Central Intelligence Agency for two years, then relocated to South Carolina, where she received a master's degree from the University of South Carolina and began a 13-year career with Lockheed Martin; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Smith developed many strong friendships at Lockheed Martin and was respected for her insights and work ethic; she was serving as the head of the contracts team at the company's Greenville, South Carolina, office at the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ashley Smith was guided by her deep and abiding faith, and she strove to be a role model for others through her kindness, positivity, and grace; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Smith will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Charles; her children, Charles, Jr., and Katherine; her parents, William and Rebecca Gwaltney; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ashley Gwaltney Smith; 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 Ashley Gwaltney Smith as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.