

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 708

Offered August 3, 2021

Commending Kim Drew Wright.

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WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright is an author, poet, wife, mother, and passionate community leader in Chesterfield and throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright was born in Hampton on April 23, 1971, to Walter and Billie Drew, who describe her as the perfect daughter and say that she made every day better for everyone around her; and

WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright grew up in North Carolina and graduated from Northwest Guilford High School in 1989, then attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism; and

WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright is the owner of Quick Lit Wit, LLC, and the author of *The Strangeness of Men*, a critically acclaimed collection of short stories, flash fiction, and prose poetry, for which she was awarded the Independent Publisher Book Awards 2016 Silver Medal and was selected as a 2015 USA Best Book Awards finalist; and

WHEREAS, after the 2016 United States presidential election, Kim Drew Wright organized a gathering of likeminded friends and formed Liberal Women of Chesterfield County & Beyond, now known as LWCC; and

WHEREAS, under Kim Drew Wright's leadership, LWCC galvanized thousands of women throughout Chesterfield County, the Commonwealth, and the nation to actively engage in politics as volunteers, advocates, and candidates for elected office; and

WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright lent LWCC's support to those fighting for equal rights for women for decades and supported the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in 2020, making Virginia the 38th and final state needed to ratify the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright's vision of LWCC as a network of neighborhood groups that supports communities by collaborating with organizations such as Homeward, Sylvia's Sisters, and Chesterfield County Public Schools has benefited both the organizations and their clients; and

WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright received the 2019 Newsmaker of the Year award from Virginia Professional Communicators due to her tireless work as the leader of LWCC and for sharing her vision, story, and impact with local, national, and international media; and

WHEREAS, due to personal experience, Kim Drew Wright has become an outspoken advocate for recognition, research, and treatment of Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, which is a rare but devastating condition for a child and their family; and

WHEREAS, Kim Drew Wright fell in love with and married her college sweetheart, Wen Wright, her supporter-in-chief, vice president of fun, and loving partner through all life has thrown at them, and she is a loving and devoted mother, cheerleader, and protector to her children, Ian, Kaelin, and Elliott, who mean the world to her; and

WHEREAS, even as she stepped back from LWCC to pour her energy and passion into her own battle with breast cancer, Kim Drew Wright remains a guiding light and inspiration for so many women and men in Chesterfield County and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Kim Drew Wright hereby be commended for her work to inspire tens of thousands of citizens to get actively engaged in civics in Chesterfield County, the Commonwealth, and the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kim Drew Wright as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her service to her community.

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