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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 213

Offered February 10, 2022

Celebrating the life of Valerie Ann DeLisio Burns.

Patron—VanValkenburg

WHEREAS, Valerie Ann DeLisio Burns, a passionate educator and beloved wife, mother, and friend in Richmond, died on August 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born on February 9, 1960, Valerie Burns was named for Valentine's Day and strove to lead a life of grace, kindness, and unconditional love; she lived in Ohio and North Carolina before settling in the Richmond area, where she was a guiding light for both her family and her fellow community members; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Burns studied at Pennsylvania State University, Miami University of Ohio, and East Carolina University and ultimately received a master's degree in teaching from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Burns pursued a career as a teacher and provided second grade students at Skipwith Elementary School with a strong foundation for lifelong learning; she cherished every opportunity to help her students achieve their fullest potential and was a trusted friend to her fellow educators; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Burns brought joy to others through her beautiful singing voice and her talents as a seamstress, making countless hand-sewn Halloween costumes and other gifts over the years; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Burns will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Danny; her children, Daniel, Nathan, and Katie; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Valerie Ann DeLisio Burns; 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 Valerie Ann DeLisio Burns as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.