HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 213

Celebrating the life of Valerie Ann DeLisio Burns.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 14, 2022 Agreed to by the Senate, February 17, 2022

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.