

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Celebrating the life of Patricia Ann Barresi.

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

WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Barresi, a lifelong educator and school administrator and a beloved member of the Newport News community, died on July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Bay Shore, New York, Patricia "Trish" Ann Barresi came to Newport News in 1978 upon graduating from Oswego State University; and

WHEREAS, Trish Barresi began her teaching career in the classroom, instructing students at Windsor, Lee Hall, and B.C. Charles Elementary Schools before becoming the assistant principal at Briarfield, Jenkins, and Epes Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, Trish Barresi then became one of the greatest principals that Hilton Elementary School has ever known; during her tenure, she brought the school to magnet status and notably reinstated its original school bell; and

WHEREAS, after five years, Trish Barresi went on to serve as principal of B.C. Charles Elementary School, returning to one of the schools she taught at earlier in her career; and

WHEREAS, in addition to bettering students' physical environments, Trish Barresi nurtured thousands of students, parents, and educators across Newport News and Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, Trish Barresi had an unmatched passion for education and provided guidance and mentorship as a principal coach for principals across Newport News and as a consultant assisting principals at vulnerable schools across the country, all while battling symptoms of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, Trish Barresi was a staple of the community and a regular volunteer for organizations across Newport News; her compassion, boundless energy, and kindness were contagious and her impact on the city can be felt in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, Trish Barresi will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of more than 39 years, Stephen; her sons, Tony and Joey, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Patricia Ann Barresi, a cherished member of the Newport News community; 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 Patricia Ann Barresi as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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