## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 154**

Celebrating the life of Stacey White Thomas.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2022 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022

WHEREAS, Stacey White Thomas, a vibrant member of the community and a beloved wife, mother, and friend, died on September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Abingdon, Stacey Thomas attended Abingdon High School and The College of William and Mary and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas learned civic involvement and responsibility at an early age, serving as a page in the House of Delegates for the 1976 Session, a chairwoman of the Virginia Commonwealth University College Republicans, and an organizer or volunteer on dozens of state, congressional, and local campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas was active for many years in the life of her church, serving at various times as a member of the Vestry or choir or as a teacher in Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Stacey Thomas was an avid student and reader with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, reading thousands of books on every topic imaginable, a trait she passed on to her children; and

WHEREAS, both her formal and self-directed study honed in Stacey Thomas an exceptional gift for wielding the written word in both creative and nonfiction outlets, a passion she loved to share with others; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas excelled at gift-giving and acts of service, whether it was using her numerous creative and artistic talents to create unique and personalized gifts for friends, or showing up with a home-cooked meal during someone's time of struggle, always there to show that she cared and that the person was loved; and

WHEREAS, her eagerness to grow led Stacey Thomas to be readily willing to adjust her personal and political viewpoint when presented with new information or a different perspective; and

WHEREAS, regardless of what each season of life brought to her, a constant for Stacey Thomas was her family, whom she loved deeply and fiercely and gave up so much for; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Mike; her children, Ashley, Alec, Katie, and Ellie; her grandchildren, Aiden, ChloeLise, Paris, Delilah, and Alice; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Stacey White Thomas; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Stacey White Thomas as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.