

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 635

Celebrating the life of Hylah Haile Boyd.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2023
Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2023

WHEREAS, Hylah Haile Boyd, a highly admired member of the Richmond community and a leader in conservation who was passionate about safeguarding the Commonwealth's beautiful, natural scenic vistas, died on September 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Hylah Boyd cultivated her love of the great outdoors while growing up on the Elton Farm in Essex County; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Tappahannock High School and Longwood University, Hylah Boyd worked as a correspondent bank investment analyst at what was then State Planters Bank and Trust; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Hylah Boyd founded Scenic Virginia, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation, protection, and enhancement of the Commonwealth's natural beauty, particularly in the form of significant views and vistas; and

WHEREAS, guided by Hylah Boyd's visionary leadership, Scenic Virginia built strong partnerships with public and private entities to fulfill its mission and advocated for conservation at local, regional, and state levels; the organization has also worked to identify the Commonwealth's scenic areas and support state designations for such areas; and

WHEREAS, Hylah Boyd also served as president of the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton and held leadership positions in the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, the Garden Club of Virginia, the Garden Club of America, the Virginia Conservation Network, the Essex County Conservation Alliance, and Capital Trees; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Hylah Boyd received the Conservationist of the Decade award from the Essex County Conservation Alliance, the de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation from the Garden Club of Virginia, and the Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal for Conservation from the Garden Club of America; and

WHEREAS, Hylah Boyd will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her beloved husband, McGuire; her children, Hylah, McGuire, Jr., and Jack, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Hylah Haile Boyd; 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 Hylah Haile Boyd as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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