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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 695

Offered February 15, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Joan Wilde Keene.*

Patrons—Hope, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bennett-Parker, Carr, Clark, Guzman, Herring, Jenkins, Kory, Lopez, Maldonado, Mullin, Orrock, Rasoul, Seibold, Sickles, Simon, Simonds, Sullivan, Ware and Watts; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Deeds, Ebbin, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Reeves, Saslaw and Spruill

WHEREAS, Joan Wilde Keene, a vibrant member of the North Chesterfield community and dedicated former employee of the Virginia House of Delegates, died on August 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Joan Keene grew up in Wisconsin, where she spent many happy summers during her childhood at the family cabin on Rolling Stone Lake; and

WHEREAS, Joan Keene married her husband, Michael, in 1975, and the couple lived in Colorado before ultimately settling in the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, Joan Keene served the Commonwealth with great integrity as a supervisor of administrative staff for the Virginia House of Delegates; she took great care in the wellbeing of her delegates and administrative staff, ensuring they had the support they needed to fulfill their duties to the residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Joan Keene enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as an active member of Cornerstone Assembly of God; and

WHEREAS, Joan Keene brightened the days of others through her generosity, wit, and passion for storytelling; her greatest joy in life was her beloved family, and she especially relished every opportunity to spend time with her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joan Keene will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Michael; her sons, Joshua and Christopher, and their families; 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 Joan Wilde Keene; 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 Joan Wilde Keene as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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