

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 744

*Celebrating the life of Brenda Buchanan Epes.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Brenda Buchanan Epes, a vibrant member of the Newport News community who touched countless lives through her generosity and grace, died on December 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of the Commonwealth, Brenda Epes was born in Norfolk, then relocated to Yorktown with her family as a teenager; she attended Oscar Smith High School and graduated from York High School, and continued her education at Christopher Newport Community College; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Epes married her husband, Cary, in 1969, and after he returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam, the couple settled in Newport News, where they raised their family; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Epes retired as a media director for Waters Advertising Agency, but her true passion in life was supporting and advocating for children in the community; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Epes cared for several foster children in the 1970s and served as a board member of the former Safehaven, a nonprofit shelter for children from abusive homes; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Epes relished every opportunity to spend time with her own children and impart to them her sense of compassion and community spirit; she often volunteered at their schools as a classroom reader; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Cary, Brenda Epes will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Cary, Jr., and Karla, 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 Brenda Buchanan Epes, a beloved resident of Newport News; 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 Brenda Buchanan Epes as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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