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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 758

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Celebrating the life of Elisabeth Lewis Crutchfield.

Patrons—Simonds, Mullin and Price; Senator: Mason

WHEREAS, Elisabeth Lewis Crutchfield, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and a valued member of the Newport News community, died on August 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Whitmire, South Carolina, Elisabeth "Libby" Lewis Crutchfield earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina in 1953 and the next year married Robert Crutchfield; and

WHEREAS, after first settling in Fishersville, Libby Crutchfield ultimately made her home in Newport News, supporting her husband and his ministry as pastor at Hilton Presbyterian Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, Libby Crutchfield also went on to attain a master's degree in sociology from The College of William & Mary in Virginia and to be a highly active member of her community; and

WHEREAS, while her sons were enrolled in Newport News Public Schools, Libby Crutchfield became involved in her local Parent Teacher Association; she was later appointed by the Newport News City Council to the Newport News School Board, contributing greatly to the academic, social, and emotional well-being of the division's students; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her extraordinary leadership, Libby Crutchfield was appointed by the Newport News School Board to the Board of Directors of WHRO Public Media, which she served as chair, enhancing the organization's programming for the benefit of Hampton Roads' citizens; and

WHEREAS, Libby Crutchfield will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband of 68 years, the Reverend Dr. Robert S. Crutchfield; her children, Will, Rob, Jim, and Charles, 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 Elisabeth Lewis Crutchfield, a cherished member of the Newport News community whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Elisabeth Lewis Crutchfield as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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