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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 817

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Celebrating the life of Carla Jonah Holland.

Patrons—Willett and VanValkenburg; Senator: Hashmi

WHEREAS, Carla Jonah Holland, an active and beloved member of the Richmond community who was a leader at the city's Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden for many years, died on August 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Springfield, Jonah Holland graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University and followed her career to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, where she served as digital content manager for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Holland passionately promoted Lewis Ginter through social media, developing engaging posts and other content that led the organization's social media following to blossom to 2.4 million people, bolstering the institution's reputation nationally; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Holland cultivated a welcoming and inclusive environment at Lewis Ginter and gladly shared her knowledge and expertise with garden interns and others seeking mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Holland's efforts at Lewis Ginter and in the community were celebrated through various honors over the years, including a Shorty Award for effective Twitter content in the cultural institution category and recognition from *Style Weekly* as a member of the "Top 40 Under 40" for her role as a community influencer; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Holland was an avid swimmer and cyclist, competing in several major swimming events around the country and maintaining memberships with clubs such as the Richmond Triathlon Club, Richmond Area Bicycling Association, and Wolf Pack Alpha Cycling; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Holland was known among friends and family for her random acts of kindness and for her compassionate, open-hearted, and loving nature, which drew people to her throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Jonah Holland will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her mother, Susan; her children, Josie and Grayson; her sister, Elisa; 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 Carla Jonah Holland, a cherished member of the Richmond community whose joy and positivity illuminated 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 Carla Jonah Holland as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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