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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 497

Offered February 23, 2023

Celebrating the life of Eileen Kay Hessek.

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WHEREAS, Eileen Kay Hessek of Newport News, a compassionate advocate for women and children who worked to reduce instances of sudden infant death syndrome, died on August 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Hessek was born in New York City in 1944 and relocated to Virginia in 1970; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Eileen Hessek experienced three miscarriages and the stillborn death of one daughter; after a second daughter died from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), Eileen Hessek made it her personal mission to save lives by raising awareness of SIDS; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Hessek used her own experiences with loss to provide comfort, strength, and support to other mothers and families, and she became known as the "mom of a million" for her success in reducing SIDS worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Hessek will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 60 years, Scott, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Eileen Kay Hessek, an inspirational servant leader, who touched countless lives through her advocacy; 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 Eileen Kay Hessek as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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