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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 310

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*Celebrating the life of Mildred Callahan Jones.*

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WHEREAS, Mildred Callahan Jones of Richmond, the well-known founder of Festival Flags Unlimited, Inc., died on January 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mildred "Millie" Jones started her pioneering decorative flag business in the 1970s after receiving local and national media attention for hanging a banner reading "It's a Boy" in front of her home after the birth of her son; and

WHEREAS, what was initially a hobby grew into a booming business, and Millie Jones began having the most popular flags mass-produced and sold at retail stores, while continuing to design and create one-of-a-kind, customized flags for individual orders; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Millie Jones and Festival Flags produced thousands of flags, pennants, wall decorations, and fabric art that have been featured in homes, public parks, museums, castles, churches, colleges, and art exhibits around the world; in 1985 her flags were carried on the space shuttle Discovery; and

WHEREAS, in addition to managing her thriving business, Millie Jones became a strong advocate for restoration and preservation in Richmond and was a founder of the Old and Historic Broad Street Association, which worked for preservation and restoration of Presidents Row, now a popular dining-commercial-arts district; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 Millie Jones renovated a run-down building on West Broad Street to house her expanding business as well as create loft apartments and encourage growth in Richmond's Broad Street corridor; and

WHEREAS, although Millie Jones sold Festival Flags in 2003, her name will forever be linked to the company, and she will be fondly remembered by many people as they gaze at a colorful, creative flag, snapping in the breeze, somewhere in their community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Millie Jones will be greatly missed by her husband of 36 years, Judge Thomas Jones; her son, Jonathan Jones; her mother, Ida Mildred Callahan; her brother, Rusty Callahan; and countless other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 Mildred Callahan Jones; 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 Mildred Callahan Jones as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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