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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 894

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*Celebrating the life of Sarah Elizabeth Umphlette Bane.*

Patron—Edmunds

WHEREAS, Sarah Elizabeth Umphlette Bane, a celebrated local chef, food columnist, and civic leader of Halifax, died on February 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Whaleyville, Sarah Elizabeth "Betty" Umphlette Bane received her master's degree in elementary education from Madison College, now James Madison University, before studying abroad as an international exchange student; and

WHEREAS, Betty Bane moved to Halifax as an extension agent organizing home demonstration clubs and 4-H clubs throughout the county; she soon knew every road in Halifax; and

WHEREAS, at Halifax Elementary School, Betty Bane taught third grade and worked to make the plays, fairs, and school activities inclusive, fun, and replete with her mouthwatering snacks and baked goods; and

WHEREAS, as an elected member of the Town Council of Halifax, Betty Bane committed her energies to providing the best services and leadership to the citizens of the town she loved; and

WHEREAS, for more than 45 years, Betty Bane contributed her "What's Cooking with Betty Bane" column to several Southside Virginia newspapers; with practical cooking tips, delicious recipes, and stories of her grandchildren, Betty Bane shared her secrets for a happy family; and

WHEREAS, Betty Bane presided over the Women's Club of Halifax and the Banister River Garden Club, served on the War Memorial Committee for Halifax County, was a founding member of the Herb Club of Halifax, and contributed to countless boards, fundraisers, and church committees; and

WHEREAS, Betty Bane led community fundraising efforts to purchase land for the Halifax County War Memorial, to renovate the Halifax Masonic Building, and to beautify the town with benches and flower containers; and

WHEREAS, at Center United Church of Christ, Betty Bane served as a youth director for more than 20 years and organized and published a cookbook featuring the best of rural Virginia cuisine, including the favorite recipes of the President of the United States, the Governor of the Commonwealth, and Senators from Virginia, with a letter from each; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Sheriff Woody Kent Bane, Sr., Betty Bane will be fondly remembered by her children Sarah and Woody; her beloved grandchildren Sarah, Dora, Woody, Katherine, and Mary Margaret; and the many family members, friends, and readers who enjoyed her fine foods; 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 Sarah Elizabeth Umphlette Bane, celebrated local chef, food columnist, and civic leader; 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 Sarah Elizabeth Umphlette Bane as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.