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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

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Celebrating the life of Frances Diane Phillips.

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WHEREAS, Frances Diane Phillips, a vibrant, beloved resident of Richmond who served the community and the Commonwealth with distinction, died on January 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Frances Phillips grew up in Richmond and graduated from Highland Springs High School; she later earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, over a 30-year career at Reynolds Metals Company, Frances Phillips successfully served general counsels and senior executives, building relationships and trust among all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement from the company, Frances Phillips served diligently and with distinction as an administrative assistant to Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, and other distinguished members of the Virginia House of Delegates for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Frances Phillips served faithfully as an active member of a Henrico County political committee for more than 25 years, generously volunteering her time and talents in precinct work and promoting those candidates she believed supported and worked for the social and fiscal principles she valued; and

WHEREAS, after battling cancer nine years ago, Frances Phillips worked tirelessly with support groups, doing volunteer work and participating in the annual Race for the Cure to benefit Komen for the Cure's cancer research and prevention programs, with the ultimate goal of finding the cure for the dreaded disease; and

WHEREAS, whether in work, politics, or friendship, Frances Phillips demonstrated high purpose, humble manner, honest communication, and tender compassion; and

WHEREAS, in living and dying, Frances Phillips exhibited "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—the fruit of the Spirit"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Frances Diane Phillips, a beloved resident of Richmond and a faithful servant of the community and the Commonwealth; 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 Frances Diane Phillips as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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