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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 205

Offered March 3, 2014

Celebrating the life of Elizabeth Page Harper Wyatt.

Patrons—Norment; Delegates: Helsel and Mason

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Page Harper Wyatt of Williamsburg, a devoted wife and mother who was active in many civic organizations and who was instrumental in having historic Fort Monroe in Hampton become a national monument, died on July 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Wyatt was a native and longtime resident of Hampton Roads; she was born in Newport News and lived in Hampton for many years; she graduated from Newport News High School and Longwood University; and

WHEREAS, before she was married, Betty Wyatt worked for Virginia Public Service Company, which is now known as Dominion; she later was secretary-treasurer of Wyatt Brothers, Inc., Men's Clothiers in Hampton, a family company; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wyatt was a strong supporter of many community and civic organizations, including the Charles H. Taylor Memorial Library, on whose board of trustees she sat; she was active in the Girl Scouts and she was a founding member of the Pembroke Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, with an interest in genealogy and history, Betty Wyatt was motivated to work to preserve Fort Monroe; the historic Civil War site is now the Fort Monroe National Monument, due in part to the work of Citizens for Fort Monroe National Park, of which she was a founding member; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, William, Betty Wyatt will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her children Betty and Nancy and their families; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Elizabeth Page Harper Wyatt of Williamsburg, a devoted wife and mother who was active in many civic organizations and who was instrumental in having historic Fort Monroe in Hampton become a national monument; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Elizabeth Page Harper Wyatt as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.