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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

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*Celebrating the life of Susan Carter Parker Potter.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Austin

WHEREAS, Susan Carter Parker Potter, a respected member of the Alleghany County community who represented the Commonwealth with great distinction as Miss Virginia in 1984, died on May 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Alleghany High School, Susan Potter earned an associate degree from Dabney S. Lancaster Community College and studied further at what was then known as Westminster Choir College and the North Carolina School of the Arts as well as Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great vocal talent and beauty, Susan Potter traveled across the Commonwealth after her selection as Miss Virginia in 1984; she went on to earn a talent award at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church in Covington, Susan Potter served as director of the choir, sharing her beautiful voice with the congregation and guiding others in the development of their talents; she was an honorary life member of the Presbyterian Women of America; and

WHEREAS, Susan Potter took an active role in community affairs as a member of the board of directors of the Alleghany Arts Council and the Margaret R. Baker Charitable Foundation, Inc., and of the advisory committee of the Frances P. Rupert Memorial Scholarship Foundation; and

WHEREAS, for a decade, Susan Potter battled breast cancer with great dignity and grace, volunteering with Relay for Life, playing golf at fundraisers for breast cancer charities, and educating women about the disease; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant and active woman, Susan Potter brought great joy into the lives of those around her with her caring spirit, love of life, and positive outlook; and

WHEREAS, Susan Potter loved riding roller coasters, golfing, and boating; she was also a gourmet cook and loyal Hokie fan; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Susan Potter will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, William; daughter, Kaitlyn; parents, Orion and Patsy; and numerous 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 former Miss Virginia, Susan Carter Parker Potter; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Susan Carter Parker Potter as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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