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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 233

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*Celebrating the life of Carol Capó.*

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WHEREAS, Carol Capó of Hampton, a former opinion editor for the *Daily Press* newspaper, a passionate advocate for the value that public art brings to cities, a former grant writer and consultant, an active community volunteer, and a devoted wife and mother, died on January 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Carol Capó was born in Buckhannon, West Virginia, and attended The College of William and Mary, where she earned a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, earlier in her career, Carol Capó had served as director for grants and research at The Mariners' Museum and Park, and she also had worked as a freelance grant writer and was a consultant to educators; and

WHEREAS, for 10 years, Carol Capó was a member of the editorial staff of the *Daily Press* in Newport News, eventually becoming opinion editor; she possessed a sharp wit, noble heart, and fearless courage in writing about controversial and important issues; and

WHEREAS, in her newspaper work, Carol Capó was known as a fact-finding journalist who was greatly admired for her skill at clearly defining the essence of issues or situations, and her objective reporting; and

WHEREAS, Carol Capó left the newspaper business to follow her passion—a love of art—and she worked to encourage communities to invest in public art; she spent 10 years as executive director of the Newport News Public Art Foundation; and

WHEREAS, during Carol Capó's tenure with the public art foundation, many pieces of sculpture were installed in Newport News, including "Handshake," a prominent cast aluminum work that is situated in a traffic circle in the busy Oyster Point business district; and

WHEREAS, Carol Capó was an advocate for the civic value of art in urban places; she wholeheartedly believed that public art made a city an attractive and appealing place, providing beauty and joy—and perhaps moments of perplexity and deep contemplation—to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, many organizations benefited from Carol Capó's involvement, including the altar guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and the Junior League of Hampton Roads, where she was a sustaining member; she also served on several boards related to education and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Carol Capó, who was predeceased by her husband, Stephen, will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her daughter, Katherine, and by many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Carol Capó of Hampton, who was a former opinion editor for the *Daily Press* newspaper, a passionate advocate for the value that public art brings to cities, a former grant writer and consultant, an active community volunteer, and a devoted wife and mother; 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 Carol Capó as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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