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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 553

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*Celebrating the life of Eloise Bernadett Coyne.*

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WHEREAS, Eloise Bernadett Coyne of Hollywood, South Carolina, a valued team member and friend of VCU Health and VCU Massey Cancer Center, died June 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Eloise "Ellie" Bernadett Coyne was born in Canada to the late Leo and Marie Cyr; she graduated from Madawaska High School in Madawaska, Maine; Mount Ida College in Boston, Massachusetts; and Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Coyne was passionate about palliative care and worked for 10 years as a volunteer coordinator and public relations specialist at VCU Health, where she was a fixture in the Thomas Palliative Care Unit at VCU Massey Cancer Center, and at the time of her death she was a volunteer coordinator at the Medical University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in May 2013, *Our Health Richmond* magazine recognized Ellie Coyne as a "Hometown Healthcare Hero" for her work lifting the spirits of patients who suffer from chronic illness and for being a champion of dignity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Coyne enjoyed traveling, laughing, and helping others; she never met a stranger, loved animals, and treasured spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Coyne will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Patrick; daughter, Erin, and her family; and numerous other relatives and friends; 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 Eloise Bernadett Coyne, a valued team member and friend of VCU Health and VCU Massey Cancer Center; 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 Eloise Bernadett Coyne as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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