

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 553

Celebrating the life of Eloise Bernadett Coyne.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

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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