

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 898

*Celebrating the life of Patricia Ann Thomas-Semonian.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2017  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2017

WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Thomas-Semonian, an artist and entrepreneur in Alexandria, died on December 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bozeman, Montana, Patricia Thomas-Semonian relocated to Washington, D.C., where she worked as a hairdresser while attending Marymount University; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Patricia Thomas-Semonian opened her own business, Easel of Id, which later moved to Old Town Alexandria, where it operated until 2003; she was an active member of the Art League at the Torpedo Factory Art Center; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Thomas-Semonian volunteered her time and talents with many local civic and service organizations, including the American Cancer Society, with which she provided assistance to men and women with hair loss as a result of chemotherapy or radiation treatment; and

WHEREAS, an avid gardener, Patricia Thomas-Semonian cultivated orchids on her porch at home, and tended to a garden at Jones Point; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Thomas-Semonian enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of First Baptist Church of Alexandria, where she participated in senior programs and Wednesday night dinners, as well as other activities; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one daughter, Rhonda, Patricia Thomas-Semonian will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Ed; her children, Pamela and Brett, and their families; and numerous other family members 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 Patricia Ann Thomas-Semonian; 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 Patricia Ann Thomas-Semonian as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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