

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 306

*Celebrating the life of Deitra Sheckler Copeland.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Deitra Sheckler Copeland of Newport News, a respected member of the community who was well-known as a longtime owner of a Hampton auto dealership, died on May 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Deitra "Dee Dee" Sheckler Copeland was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, to the late Lieutenant Colonel Charles and Vivian Sheckler; and

WHEREAS, as a proud army brat, Dee Copeland traveled all over the world, growing up mostly in Germany before settling in Hampton, where she graduated from Hampton High School in 1964 then attended East Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, Dee Copeland and her husband, Dick, ran Copeland Toyota Volvo in the Hampton area from 1965 until 2001, when they sold the dealership and retired; and

WHEREAS, Dee Dee Copeland's compassion for others was widely respected, and she enjoyed an abundance of friends, old and new, whom she celebrated and loved by cooking them meals, pouring them drinks, or giving them her time in other ways; and

WHEREAS, Dee Dee Copeland treasured spending time with her children and grandchildren, teaching them to always put family first and appreciate the little things in life, as well as traveling, cooking, and her dogs; and

WHEREAS, Dee Dee Copeland will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of almost 50 years, Dick; children, Shannan, Brad, Richard, and Kimberly, and their families; and countless other relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Deitra Sheckler Copeland, an esteemed member of the Hampton and Newport News communities; 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 Deitra Sheckler Copeland as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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