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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 302

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Celebrating the life of Heather Danielle Heyer.

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WHEREAS, Heather Danielle Heyer, a vibrant member of the Charlottesville community and a passionate civil rights activist who dedicated her life to fighting inequality and injustice, died on August 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charlottesville, Heather Heyer grew up in Ruckersville; her commitment to fairness began at a young age, when she often stood up for other children who were being bullied at school; and

WHEREAS, Heather Heyer graduated from William Monroe High School and continued her education at Piedmont Virginia Community College; she later found her calling as a paralegal for the Miller Law Group; and

WHEREAS, dependable, hardworking, and knowledgeable, Heather Heyer took every opportunity to learn more about her profession and was certified as a notary public; in her five years with the firm, she rarely missed a day of work; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the bankruptcy department of the Miller Law Group, Heather Heyer treated her clients with the utmost care and respect and worked to help them gain peace of mind in difficult times; and

WHEREAS, Heather Heyer's commitment to excellent customer service was unparalleled, and her sparkling personality and infectious smile brightened the office for her coworkers every day; and

WHEREAS, Heather Heyer loved her job and coworkers deeply, but she was most passionate about fighting inequality, bigotry, and injustice in all forms; she was always willing to speak her mind and make her voice heard, and she inspired others by never backing down on issues of right and wrong; and

WHEREAS, the Heather Heyer Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships to students pursuing a law or paralegal degree or a bachelor's degree in education or social work, was founded in Heather Heyer's honor to carry on her legacy; and

WHEREAS, Heather Heyer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her mother, Susan; father, Mark; stepfather, Kim; brother, Nicholas; grandparents, Barbara, Elwood, Donald, and Eunice; 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 Heather Danielle Heyer, a champion for social justice and civil rights; 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 Heather Danielle Heyer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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