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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 338

Offered February 22, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Nicole Katherine Orttung.*

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Nicole Katherine Orttung, a young journalist who was passionate about civic life and inspired others through her patriotism and optimism, died on November 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, born in Prague, Czech Republic, Nicole Orttung moved to New York with her family at a young age, then came to the Commonwealth when she was in third grade; she graduated from Yorktown High School in Arlington and was working toward a bachelor's degree from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, while in school, Nicole Orttung developed a keen interest in government and social justice, and she wrote for the *Columbia Daily Spectator* on a number of issues, including renters' rights, gentrification, and the state of New York City schools, where she was a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2012, Nicole Orttung worked on the campaign for President Barack Obama, relishing the opportunity to share her enthusiasm for civics with others through door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Orttung also interned at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where she wrote for the online edition of *The Wilson Quarterly*, and she contributed nearly 100 articles to *The Christian Science Monitor*; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a servant's heart and a strong sense of idealism, Nicole Orttung encouraged others to work together to make the community and the nation a better place; 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 Nicole Katherine Orttung; 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 Nicole Katherine Orttung as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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