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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 393

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Celebrating the life of Loretta H. Tate.

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 Patrons—Davis, Bloxom, Brewer, Knight, Leftwich, Miyares, Stolle and Yancey; Senators: Cosgrove, DeSteph and Wagner

WHEREAS, Loretta H. Tate, a deeply respected civic and community leader in Virginia Beach who touched countless lives through her grace and kindness, died on April 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Princess Anne County, Loretta Tate attended Oceana High School, where she was class salutatorian and remained active in the school alumni association, and later graduated from Mary Washington College; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Tate began her volunteer work for the Republican Party of Virginia Beach in 1969; she worked on and managed election campaigns at the local, state, and national levels and managed the Honorable John W. Warner's Norfolk office for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational leader for women in civic life, Loretta Tate served as a board member of the Virginia Beach Republican Women's Club, as president of the Princess Anne Republican Women's Club, as first vice president of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, and as a leader of the Beach Suburban Republican Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Tate served the Republican Party of Virginia Beach for a number of years, to which she applied her vast institutional knowledge of local and state affairs; she was named chair emeritus after three terms as party chair; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Tate strengthened the community as president of the Virginia Beach General Hospital Medical Auxiliary and chair of the Department of Rehabilitative Services Advisory Board; after her well-earned retirement, she dedicated herself more fully to volunteer work, especially at Eastern Shore Chapel; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Randolph, and one son, Benjamin, Loretta Tate will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Ann and Lon, 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 Loretta H. Tate; 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 Loretta H. Tate as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.