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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 413

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Celebrating the life of Dorothy Carter Gill.

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

WHEREAS, Dorothy Carter Gill, a respected mental health professional who served and supported first responders and an active member of the Reston and Arlington communities, died on February 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gill grew up near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and achieved academic success at the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University, Temple University, and Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in the field of mental health, Dorothy Gill was a published author on a variety of topics, including mental health recognition, trauma-related conditions, and specialized employee assistance programs for public safety officers; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gill worked for Arlington County for more than 40 years, and she served as a counselor for police departments, fire departments, and emergency medical units throughout the Washington metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gill's employee assistance program for first responders after the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, earned her national acclaim, and her comprehensive service model, used inside the site perimeter, was recognized as one of the most well-executed programs in the wake of the attack; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gill held leadership positions in local and national organizations, including the National Institute of Mental Health, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, in later life, Dorothy Gill became a passionate athlete, who represented the United States in the 1999 Triathlon World Championships in the 55 to 59 age group; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gill will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her sons, Ethan and Brendan, and their families, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Dorothy Carter Gill, a mental health professional who helped first responders better serve their 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 Dorothy Carter Gill as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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