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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 139

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Celebrating the life of Agnes Epes McMurran Johnson.

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WHEREAS, Agnes Epes McMurran Johnson, a beloved mother and grandmother, respected Newport News resident, and talented artist, died on February 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in Newport News, Agnes Johnson attended Newport News Public Schools and Hollins College; she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in library science from Drexel University; and

WHEREAS, after marrying Samuel Cletus "Red" Johnson in 1949, Agnes Johnson assisted him with his business and participated with their son in the Boy Scouts of America, Little League baseball, and church basketball leagues; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished artist, Agnes Johnson taught art classes in her home to children and adults and started the Peninsula Arts Association, now the Peninsula Fine Arts Center; her expertly crafted portraits hang in Christopher Newport University, the James River Country Club, courtrooms, banks, and many private homes; and

WHEREAS, a passionate University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill basketball fan who also had a special seat at Christopher Newport University football and basketball games, Agnes Johnson was happiest when giving parties for friends and family or spending time working in her formal garden; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of over 40 years, Red, Agnes Johnson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her son, Rick, and his family, as well as numerous other family members and close friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Agnes Epes McMurran Johnson, an active and distinguished member of the Newport News community; 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 Agnes Epes McMurran Johnson as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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