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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 360

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Celebrating the life of Joan Carpenter Massey.

Patrons—Carr, Adams, D.M., McQuinn and Willett; Senators: Hashmi and McClellan

WHEREAS, Joan Carpenter Massey, a passionate philanthropist and an active community leader who touched countless lives throughout the Richmond region, died on July 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Joan Massey grew up in North Carolina and relocated to Virginia after graduating from Draper High School; while working as a hostess at an inn in Virginia Beach, she met her future husband, Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Joan Massey took courses at Virginia Commonwealth University and worked as a bank teller while supporting her husband in his role as head of the A.T. Massey Coal Company; her keen intelligence, charm, and grace helped her interact with everyone from business executives to coal miners; and

WHEREAS, Joan Massey volunteered her leadership to some of Richmond's most prominent nonprofit organizations and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, Joan Massey served in numerous capacities at the Museum of the Confederacy, now part of the American Civil War Museum, including as president of the board from 1988 to 1989, during which time she oversaw the restoration of the White House of the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Joan Massey was appointed to the board of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts by Governor Gerald L. Baliles; over the course of a decade, she served on 10 different committees at the museum, including exhibitions, education and programs, and education in the arts, among others; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Joan Massey joined the board of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and helped transform the property into one of the finest botanical gardens in the United States; she completed terms as president and chair and ultimately served on the board until 2002; and

WHEREAS, more recently, Joan Massey had served as director of the Joan and Morgan Massey Foundation, a charitable organization that provided grants to worthy causes throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Joan Massey will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her beloved husband, Morgan; her sons, Charles and Craig, and their families; her five stepchildren, 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 Joan Carpenter Massey; 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 Joan Carpenter Massey as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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