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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 236

Offered March 2, 2020

Celebrating the life of Sarah Rebecca Wright.

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WHEREAS, Sarah Rebecca Wright, an active member of the Hampton Roads community and a beloved wife, mother, and friend, died on January 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Sarah Wright graduated from Armstrong High School and attended Virginia State College for two years before traveling the world with her husband, Benjamin, who was a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Wright returned to the Commonwealth in 1966 and resumed her education at the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College, which had become Norfolk State College by the time she graduated in 1970; and

WHEREAS, after continuing her studies with graduate work at Old Dominion University, Sarah Wright pursued an 18-year career with the Virginia Employment Commission and subsequently worked as a substitute teacher in Norfolk Public Schools and Virginia Beach City Public Schools after her retirement; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Beta Theta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sarah Wright held several leadership roles and received the Zeta of the Year and Unsung Hero awards for her exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, well known for her compassion, generosity, and grace, Sarah Wright relished every opportunity to share her lifetime of wisdom or a delicious home-cooked meal with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Wright will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 70 years, Benjamin; her children, Benjamin, Jr., Stephanie, and Michelle, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sarah Rebecca Wright; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Sarah Rebecca Wright as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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