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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 263

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Celebrating the life of Helen Wang.

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WHEREAS, Helen Wang, a student at Colonial Forge High School in Stafford County and a beloved daughter and sister, died on May 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Beijing, China, Helen Wang moved to the United States with her family at a young age, becoming a cherished member of both the Spotsylvania and Stafford communities; and

WHEREAS, Helen Wang, who received a Chinese name from her grandfather at birth that translates to "a person with strong, beautiful feathers in heaven," will be remembered by friends and family for her boundless generosity and kindness toward others; and

WHEREAS, buoyed by her unwavering optimism, Helen Wang was a light in many people's lives and inspired others through her hard work, dedication, and positivity; and

WHEREAS, in response to the untimely death of their friend, several of Helen Wang's classmates have advocated before the Stafford County Board of Supervisors, the Virginia House of Delegates, and the Senate of Virginia in support of improving the area's roads, actions that have made commutes safer for countless motorists in the county; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Helen Wang and her many years as a competitive swimmer, the Stafford Stingrays Swim Team initiated the Helen Wang Memorial Scholarship, which will recognize members of the team that demonstrate the qualities of sportsmanship and volunteerism that Helen Wang embodied; and

WHEREAS, Helen Wang will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her parents, James and Felicia; her sisters, Lilly and Ashley; 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 Helen Wang, a treasured member of the Colonial Forge High School community; and, be it

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

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