SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 369

Celebrating the life of C. Opal B. Abernathey.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2021 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, C. Opal B. Abernathey, an esteemed employee of Newport News Shipbuilding and beloved member of the Peninsula community, died on January 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gloucester County, Opal Abernathey worked tirelessly for 20 years in support of the United States Navy as an employee with Newport News Shipbuilding, Department 053, from which she retired in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Opal Abernathey enjoyed a close community of family, friends, and neighbors, and took great joy in sharing meals, playing games, and visiting the Outer Banks with others; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband of 44 years, Leslie, Opal Abernathey will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Wanda, Colleen, Dale, and Kenneth, and their families; and by 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 C. Opal B. Abernathey, a cherished member of the Peninsula community whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

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