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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13**

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Celebrating the life of Peggy Gray Williams.

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Patrons—Bloxom; Senator: Lewis

WHEREAS, Peggy Gray Williams, a highly admired member of the Parksley community, died on May 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C., Peggy Williams grew up in Richmond and attended Thomas Jefferson High School; she subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from what is now Mary Washington University and began a career as a social worker; and

WHEREAS, after marrying her husband, John, Peggy Williams moved to the Eastern Shore and worked as a teacher at Belle Croft Preschool; she became a devoted member of Grace United Methodist Church, where she served as president of United Methodist Women; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Peggy and John Williams established Williams-Parksley Funeral Home, and in 1973, she became a licensed funeral director to take a more active role in the business; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Williams was a longtime member of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club and helped preserve local history as a member of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Williams offered her leadership and expertise to the Soroptimist International Club of Accomack County and the Woman's Club of Accomack County, and she was active in University of Mary Washington alumni events as the matriarch of one of the institution's largest legacy families; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Williams will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 53 years, John; her children, John, Jr., Margaret, Lori, Mark, and Clark, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Peggy Gray Williams; 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 Peggy Gray Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.