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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 309

Offered February 28, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Nikia Yvonne Shaw.*

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WHEREAS, Nikia Yvonne Shaw, an information technology professional who supported state lawmakers as a web developer with the Virginia House of Delegates, died on October 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Nikia Shaw held bachelor's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University and Stratford University; she began her professional career as a freelance web designer, then worked for Metis Companies in Chester as a web designer on the marketing team; and

WHEREAS, in July 2014, Nikia Shaw began working as a front-end web developer for the Virginia House of Delegates and contributed to the good and efficient functioning of state government by producing user-friendly software programs; and

WHEREAS, Nikia Shaw played an integral role in the development and maintenance of the Virginia General Assembly website, committee voting systems, iHOD, HODSpeak, and an application for the Journal and Records team in the House Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, working in what is traditionally a male-dominated career path, Nikia Shaw defied the status quo and distinguished herself through her expertise and innovative ideas; she was a member of the professional organization Women Who Code, which promotes more diverse and inclusive workplaces; and

WHEREAS, Nikia Shaw earned the admiration of her colleagues for her intelligence and attention to detail, and she brought joy to others through her compassion, kindness, and unfailing positivity; and

WHEREAS, Nikia Shaw was a passionate explorer, who loved to spend time researching not only solutions for her work, but creative ways to foster a spirit of community among her fellow House of Delegates staff members; and

WHEREAS, Nikia Shaw will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her partner, Bennie Jackson III; her parents, Edwin and Ellen; her grandmother, Thelma; 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 Nikia Yvonne Shaw; 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 Nikia Yvonne Shaw as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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