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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

Offered March 10, 2022

Celebrating the life of Rhonda Michelle Harmon.

Patrons—Bourne, Bagby, Carr and Rasoul

WHEREAS, Rhonda Michelle Harmon, an esteemed attorney and beloved member of the Manakin-Sabot community, died on January 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Rhonda Harmon graduated from the former Richfield High School in Waco, Texas, where she was drum major for the state championship-winning school band and soloist in the choir, while serving as regional president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Harmon subsequently attended the United States Military Academy at West Point as a member of the fifth class to allow women, graduating in 1985 and earning a commission in the United States Army as a military intelligence officer; and

WHEREAS, after serving her first year in Seoul, Rhonda Harmon was stationed at Fort Hood in Texas before retiring from the service in 1990, attending Baylor Law School and graduating first in her class in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Harmon clerked with the Honorable Samuel D. Johnson of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Austin, Texas, before moving to Richmond to take a position as an associate with the law firm Mezzullo & McCandlish; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Rhonda Harmon was part of the legal team that won a \$100 million verdict against Nationwide Insurance Company, which was at the time the largest verdict in the history of the Commonwealth and which led several insurance companies to review and alter their coverage policies for the benefit of many; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Rhonda Harmon enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Faith Landmarks Ministries in Henrico County for many years; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Harmon readily shared her good fortune with others, opening her house every Thanksgiving and Christmas to dozens of individuals who would otherwise spend the holidays alone; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Harmon will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband of 32 years, Jonathan; her children, Timothy, Krista, Jeremy, and Jana; her mother, Doris; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Rhonda Michelle Harmon, an accomplished attorney and cherished member of the Manakin-Sabot community whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Rhonda Michelle Harmon as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.