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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 103

Offered February 10, 2022

Celebrating the life of Rebecca Kellam Chalmers.

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WHEREAS, Rebecca Kellam Chalmers, a dedicated educator who made many contributions to the Virginia Beach community, died on December 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca "Becky" Chalmers grew up in the former Princess Anne County and lived much of her life in Virginia Beach; she graduated from Princess Anne High School, where she was head majorette and relished opportunities to participate in local parades and events; and

WHEREAS, Becky Chalmers subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from The College of William and Mary and pursued a career in education at Alanton Elementary School in Virginia Beach and later at Halifax Academy in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work as a teacher, Becky Chalmers volunteered her leadership and expertise to the boards of the Virginia Beach Community Foundation and Tidewater Community College; and

WHEREAS, Becky Chalmers supported a wide range of local organizations, including Eastern Virginia Medical School, Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, Vanguard Landing, Grommet Island Park, Lynnhaven River NOW, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Becky Chalmers and her sister Anne also established a college scholarship in their parents' honor at Floyd E. Kellam High School, which is named for their late father; and

WHEREAS, Becky Chalmers enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a longtime member of Nimmo United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Becky Chalmers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 51 years, Norman; her children, Cameron and Annie, and their families; her sister, Anne; 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 Rebecca Kellam Chalmers, a passionate educator and philanthropic leader in Virginia Beach; and, be it

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

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