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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 154

Offered February 22, 2022

Celebrating the life of Stacey White Thomas.

Patrons—Obenshain, Chase, Cosgrove, Dunnavant, Hanger, Kiggans, McDougale, Newman, Norment, Peake, Pillion, Reeves, Ruff, Stanley, Stuart, Suetterlein and Vogel; Delegates: Coyner, Morefield and Robinson

WHEREAS, Stacey White Thomas, a vibrant member of the community and a beloved wife, mother, and friend, died on September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Abingdon, Stacey Thomas attended Abingdon High School and The College of William and Mary and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas learned civic involvement and responsibility at an early age, serving as a page in the House of Delegates for the 1976 Session, a chairwoman of the Virginia Commonwealth University College Republicans, and an organizer or volunteer on dozens of state, congressional, and local campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas was active for many years in the life of her church, serving at various times as a member of the Vestry or choir or as a teacher in Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Stacey Thomas was an avid student and reader with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, reading thousands of books on every topic imaginable, a trait she passed on to her children; and

WHEREAS, both her formal and self-directed study honed in Stacey Thomas an exceptional gift for wielding the written word in both creative and nonfiction outlets, a passion she loved to share with others; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas excelled at gift-giving and acts of service, whether it was using her numerous creative and artistic talents to create unique and personalized gifts for friends, or showing up with a home-cooked meal during someone's time of struggle, always there to show that she cared and that the person was loved; and

WHEREAS, her eagerness to grow led Stacey Thomas to be readily willing to adjust her personal and political viewpoint when presented with new information or a different perspective; and

WHEREAS, regardless of what each season of life brought to her, a constant for Stacey Thomas was her family, whom she loved deeply and fiercely and gave up so much for; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Thomas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Mike; her children, Ashley, Alec, Katie, and Ellie; her grandchildren, Aiden, ChloeLise, Paris, Delilah, and Alice; 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 Stacey White Thomas; and, be it

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

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