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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 680

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Celebrating the life of Merrilu Paulin Ablowich.

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WHEREAS, Merrilu Paulin Ablowich, an esteemed educator and active and beloved member of the Virginia Beach community, died on July 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Merrilu Ablowich graduated from Norview High School in Norfolk before earning a bachelor's degree from The College of William and Mary and a master's degree in education from George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Merrilu Ablowich dedicated her professional career to the growth and development of young people, first as a reading specialist and later as an early elementary school teacher in Norfolk and Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Merrilu Ablowich helped to promote literacy and learning in her community through Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library and as a 16-year member of the Virginia Beach Public Library Board; and

WHEREAS, Merrilu Ablowich's impact in Virginia Beach was also felt through her involvement with local organizations such as the Princess Anne Republican Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Merrilu Ablowich helped to preserve the Commonwealth's venerable tradition of foxhunting through her support of the James River Hunt and Princess Anne Hunt clubs; and

WHEREAS, Merrilu Ablowich was an avid antiquarian and reader whose deep compassion and concern for animals inspired her to rescue and care for several over her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Merrilu Ablowich will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband, Al; her daughter, Susan, and her family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Merrilu Paulin Ablowich, a cherished member of the Virginia Beach community whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Merrilu Paulin Ablowich as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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