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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 278

Offered January 23, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Mary Ann Cowan Baker.*

Patrons—Peake; Delegate: Wachsmann

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Cowan Baker, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and a beloved member of the Richmond community, died on July 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the oldest of nine children, Mary Ann Cowan Baker's friendly and outgoing nature inspired laughter and joy everywhere she went and made a friend of every stranger; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Cowan Baker loved to sing for her children at home and before her congregation at church, filling the lives of all around her with the sweet and melodious sound of her voice; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Cowan Baker was active in the Richmond community, maintaining memberships with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, and the Windsor Farms Women's Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Cowan Baker's greatest joy in life was spending time with her family, whether at her home in Richmond or her home on Gwynn's Island, taking particular delight in the games and hijinks that would transpire; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Cowan Baker and her husband, Glen, savored the twilight years of their lives by cruising on their yacht, The Two Honeys, and embarking on many adventures to Florida and other ports of interest; and

WHEREAS, guided by her faith throughout her life, Mary Ann Cowan Baker enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Richmond for many years, and later at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, also in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her first husband, James B. Cowan, Sr., and her second husband, Joseph Glenwood "Glen" Baker, Mary Ann Cowan Baker will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, James, Jr., Catherine, Ryan, Mark, Mary Jo, and Sherryll Anne, and their families; and by 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 Mary Ann Cowan Baker, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother from Richmond, 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 Mary Ann Cowan Baker as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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