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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 289

Offered February 23, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Dorothy Doretha Bayford.*

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Doretha Bayford, a passionate advocate for her country, for freedom, and for the children of the Gloucester community, the Commonwealth, and the nation, died on November 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bayford knew tremendous adversity at different times early in her life, but was never deterred in her willingness to overcome whatever challenge she may face; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bayford became an accomplished entrepreneur with her husband, Brian, owning and operating several successful businesses over the years; and

WHEREAS, with an unflagging desire to help others, Dorothy Bayford devoted herself to many causes and spearheaded several grassroots initiatives to serve her community and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bayford worked actively in local politics, serving as chair of the Virginia Peninsula chapter of the Tea Party movement and as chair of the Gloucester Republican Committee, while also volunteering at the polls and with several campaigns; and

WHEREAS, collaborating with many organizations throughout the Commonwealth, Dorothy Bayford advocated tirelessly in support of action plans that would serve Virginians both before her local school board and board of supervisors and at the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bayford was a mentor whose dedication inspired an untold number of individuals to get more involved and to make a difference in their community; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bayford will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband, Brian; her children, Jacqueline, Chris, Christina, Justin, Janae, Jazzmine, Ciara, and Cirrenety, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dorothy Doretha Bayford, a beloved member of the Gloucester community whose drive and determination made an impact on 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 Dorothy Doretha Bayford as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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