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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 211

Offered March 10, 2022

Celebrating the life of Sue Birdsong.

Patron—Brewer

WHEREAS, Sue Birdsong, a vibrant member of the Suffolk community who touched countless lives through her commitment to servant-leadership, died on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Suffolk, Sue Birdsong graduated from Suffolk High School, attended Longwood College, and earned a business certificate from Smithdeal-Massey Business College; and

WHEREAS, Sue Birdsong met the love of her life, George Birdsong, in second grade, and the couple married in 1961; their three children all attended Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, where she was an active volunteer and served on the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s and 1970s, Sue Birdsong worked for former Governor Mills E. Godwin, both in Suffolk and in Richmond, and she later worked in the Suffolk office of Birdsong Peanuts for many years; and

WHEREAS, Sue Birdsong began a long affiliation with the Westminster-Canterbury community while her mother was a resident there and served on the Westminster-Canterbury Foundation Board for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Sue Birdsong helped establish the Birdsong Health Clinic, an in-house medical clinic for Westminster-Canterbury residents, and developed the Birdsong Tablet, an easy-to-navigate computer tablet for older adults that has been adopted by retirement communities in 24 states; and

WHEREAS, Sue Birdsong was a woman of deep and abiding faith, and she enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregations of Main Street United Methodist Church in Suffolk and Virginia Beach United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Sue Birdsong will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 59 years, George; her children Anne, David, and Charles, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sue Birdsong, a highly admired member of the Suffolk community; 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 Sue Birdsong as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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