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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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Celebrating the life of Ruth Anna Jensen.

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WHEREAS, Ruth Anna Jensen, an active and beloved member of the Hampton community, died on August 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Fairport, New York, Ruth Jensen earned a bachelor's degree in human ecology from Cornell University in 1949 before continuing on to graduate studies at the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, following her studies and travels through Europe, Ruth Jensen took a position as a dietician at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Jensen met and married her husband, Ronald, in 1959, and the two lived and worked in various locations throughout the United States before settling in the Commonwealth to raise their family; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Jensen's commitment to different political, social, and environmental causes compelled her to work extensively with several local community organizations; a vocal advocate for the importance of voting, she regularly volunteered to canvass neighborhoods and work at the polls; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Jensen's involvement in the community ultimately led to her appointment to the Hampton City School Board, with whom she served for six years, rising to the position of vice chair; her dedication to the health and well-being of young people also included years volunteering with the Hampton Roads Civic Ballet Company; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Ruth Jensen will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Rebecca and Peter, 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 Ruth Anna Jensen, a cherished member of the Hampton 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 Ruth Anna Jensen as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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