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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 645
Offered February 10, 20251 2 3 *Commending Jane Parke Batten.*

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6 WHEREAS, Jane Parke Batten has demonstrated exceptional dedication to philanthropy and community
7 service, significantly enhancing the lives of countless individuals through her generous contributions and
8 volunteer efforts; and9 WHEREAS, Jane Parke Batten, alongside her late husband Frank Batten, has supported numerous
10 educational initiatives fostering leadership and academic excellence, such as founding the Batten Leadership
11 Institute at Hollins University, supporting the Batten Honors College at Virginia Wesleyan University and the
12 University of Virginia's Curry School of Education and Human Development, and establishing The College
13 of William & Mary's Batten School of Coastal & Marine Sciences at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science,
14 now a global leader in coastal and marine science education and research; and15 WHEREAS, Jane Parke Batten has been a steadfast supporter of early childhood educational access and
16 quality, serving on the board of E3: Elevate Early Education and as co-chair of the Board of Directors for St.
17 Patrick Catholic School, where she facilitated the school's mission to educate and nurture the whole child;
18 and19 WHEREAS, Jane Parke Batten has played a pivotal role in the development of community resources,
20 such as the Slover Library in Norfolk, ensuring access to knowledge and learning for all; and21 WHEREAS, Jane Parke Batten's commitment to civic giving and volunteerism has earned her numerous
22 accolades, including the Hugo Owens Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award from Old Dominion
23 University, recognizing her long-standing service to disadvantaged communities; and24 WHEREAS, Jane Parke Batten has been a significant supporter of environmental conservation efforts,
25 particularly through her involvement with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, which is dedicated to preserving
26 the Chesapeake Bay through education, advocacy, litigation, and restoration, and her support of the Virginia
27 Aquarium & Marine Science Center, which connects people to the marine environment to inspire a more
28 sustainable future; and29 WHEREAS, Jane Parke Batten has contributed to the establishment and success of the Chesapeake Bay
30 Foundation's Brock Environmental Center, one of the world's greenest buildings and a hub for environmental
31 education and community engagement in Virginia Beach; now, therefore, be it32 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jane Parke Batten hereby be commended for her
33 unwavering dedication to philanthropy, her visionary leadership, and her profound impact on education,
34 community development, and environmental conservation; and, be it35 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
36 presentation to Jane Parke Batten as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her legacy of
37 service and generosity, which continues to inspire and uplift members of communities throughout the
38 Commonwealth.

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