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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 681

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*Celebrating the life of Meghan Rose Hinger.*

Patrons—Callsen, Laufer, Clark, Cole, Cordoza, Green, Hope, Lopez, Martinez, McClure, McQuinn, Owen, Rasoul and Ware; Senators: Bagby, Diggs, Rouse, Salim and Williams Graves

WHEREAS, Meghan Rose Hinger, a passionate health care professional who provided exceptional leadership to the Charlottesville Free Clinic and helped the organization fulfill its benevolent mission, died on January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Meghan Hinger graduated from Tabb High School in Yorktown and studied nursing at what is now the University of Lynchburg; she was a talented field hockey player in her high school and college years; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing, Meghan Hinger began working in the Emergency Department at the University of Virginia Medical Center; she was recognized for her commitment to patient care and satisfaction, became one of the youngest nurse managers at the center, and was instrumental in designing a new Emergency Department, which opened in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Meghan Hinger originally joined the Charlottesville Free Clinic as a volunteer in 2016; the clinic engages with more than 700 volunteer health care professionals from the University of Virginia Health System and other community practices to provide high-quality medical, dental, and pharmacy services for community members without affordable access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Meghan Hinger helped create a more equitable health care environment in the community, transforming patient care and medical operations at the Charlottesville Free Clinic through her dedication and expertise; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Meghan Hinger was promoted to co-chief executive officer of the Charlottesville Free Clinic; and

WHEREAS, under Meghan Hinger's leadership, the Charlottesville Free Clinic outperformed national benchmarks in multiple categories and greatly expanded its service; she oversaw site selection and design of a new building in order to be able to treat more patients, and she led efforts to create a free dental clinic; and

WHEREAS, Meghan Hinger inspired others through her compassion, empathy, and unparalleled commitment to the health and wellness of her patients; among many accolades, she was recognized as a 40 under 40 Trailblazer by the Virginia Nurses Foundation; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her mother, Loretta, Meghan Hinger will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her father, Robert; her sisters, Sarah Ann and Kathleen, 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 Meghan Rose Hinger, a leader in health care who touched countless lives in the Charlottesville area; 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 Meghan Rose Hinger as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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