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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 684

Offered April 1, 2025

*Celebrating the life of Brenda Faye Graham Johnson.*

Patrons—Suetterlein, Head, Jordan, McDougle, Obenshain and Peake

WHEREAS, Brenda Faye Graham Johnson, a highly admired educator and community leader in Salem, passed away on March 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson was born on March 31, 1947, in Christiansburg to James Howard Graham and Lena Agnes Phillips Graham; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1965 and was part of the last graduating class of Marion College in 1967; she subsequently earned her teaching degree from Radford University in 1969; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic educator, Brenda Johnson instilled a passion for reading and lifelong learning in every student she taught, and she loved giving books to children as gifts; and

WHEREAS, guided by her strong Christian faith, Brenda Johnson was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Salem and its United Methodist Women group; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson was proud to serve the Salem community and the Commonwealth and was actively involved in civic affairs as the secretary of the 9th Congressional District Republican Committee and a member of the Salem Republican Committee; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson was instrumental in starting the now decades-long tradition of the Olde Salem Days Republican Breakfast that has allowed her fellow citizens to hear directly from state and national elected officials and other leaders; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her son, Ryan, Brenda Johnson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Don; her children, Jessica and Lauren, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Brenda Faye Graham Johnson; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Brenda Faye Graham Johnson as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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