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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 694

Offered October 27, 2025

*Celebrating the life of Candis Gabriella King.*

Patrons—McPike, Aird, Bagby, Boysko, Carroll Foy, Cifers, Craig, Deeds, DeSteph, Diggs, Durant, Ebbin, Favola, French, Hackworth, Hashmi, Head, Jordan, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, McDougle, Mulchi, Obenshain, Peake, Pekarsky, Perry, Pillion, Roem, Rouse, Salim, Srinivasan, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Surovell, VanValkenburg and Williams Graves

WHEREAS, Candis Gabriella King, a radiant daughter, sister, cousin, and friend affectionately known as “Queen,” died on October 4, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of creativity, compassion, and leadership that continues to inspire all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fairfax County, Candis King was a bright, confident, and joyful child whose humor and determination made her a natural leader among her peers; and

WHEREAS, a gifted artist and performer, Candis King expressed her creativity through singing, dancing, painting, photography, crocheting, and writing and shared her talents generously with her community; and

WHEREAS, Candis King excelled academically in Prince William County Public Schools, where she served in student government, the Kiwanis Club, Junior Honor Society, and various other school and community programs that reflected her commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Choir and the Pride of Colgan Color Guard at Charles J. Colgan, Sr. High School, Candis King continued to embody excellence in both academics and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Candis King actively served her community through organizations such as the Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium, Delta Academy, and Delta GEMS, as well as local civic initiatives, inspiring others through her service and compassion; and

WHEREAS, an entrepreneur at heart, Candis King co-founded Speedy JC's with her brother, Joshua II, creating and selling uniquely flavored cinnamon rolls; she also authored a vegetarian cookbook at the age of nine and dreamed of attending Norfolk State University to study political science; and

WHEREAS, throughout her journey with sickle cell disease, Candis King displayed extraordinary courage, faith, and optimism, touching countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Candis King will be forever remembered by her parents, Joshua and Candi; her siblings, Joselyn and Joshua II; 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 Candis Gabriella King, a beloved and highly admired member of the Prince William community whose spirit continues to shine brightly through all who knew her; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Candis Gabriella King as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.