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Offered October 28, 2025

Celebrating the life of Jeanelle Williams Boyd.

Patron—Ward

WHEREAS, Jeanelle Williams Boyd, a longtime federal government employee and a vibrant member of the Newport News community, died on September 20, 2025; and

WHÊREAS, Jeanelle Boyd was born in Martin County, North Carolina, and moved to Newport News with her family at a young age; and

WHEREAS, Jeanelle Boyd attended Newport News Public Schools and graduated from the former Collis P. Huntington High School, then continued her education at what is now Monroe University in New York; and

WHEREAS, Jeanelle Boyd spent much of her career supporting national defense at Fort Eustis, now part of Joint Base Langley-Eustis, and retired in 1985 after 40 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Jeanelle Boyd was active in the community as a charter member of the Newport News Continental Society, Inc., a founder of the Glowettes Social and Civic Club, and a member of the Dochiki Wives Auxiliary, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Jeanelle Boyd's greatest joy in life was her beloved family; she enjoyed traveling to visit her sisters and relished every opportunity to spend time with her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, instilling in them her kindness and grace; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Charlie, Jeanelle Boyd will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughters, Deborah and Charlene, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jeanelle Williams Boyd; 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 Jeanelle Williams Boyd as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.