

# CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

*applauds and adores **First Lady Rosemary Tribble** – honored with this resolution adopted by the General Assembly and commending her for her many contributions to the lives of Virginians*

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

*Whereas*, Rosemary Tribble has concluded her tenure as the founding president of Fear 2 Freedom after many years of service to college students and survivors of sexual assault throughout Virginia and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Tribble used her own terrible and tragic experience as a rape victim to help others by counseling hundreds of women individually and thousands more through her work with Fear 2 Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Tribble authored a book, *Fear to Freedom*, where she recounts her journey from the trauma of rape at gunpoint at the age of 25 to freedom through forgiveness and shares her story with others; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Tribble has with all her heart dedicated her life to seeing others find joy and walk the path of healing; Fear 2 Freedom now operates worldwide, partnering with hospitals and universities, to provide education, information, and support in an effort to end sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, under Rosemary Tribble's leadership, Fear 2 Freedom has provided thousands of students with information about sexual assault and demonstrated how they can combat sexual violence on their campuses and in their communities and support survivors by assembling Fear 2 Freedom Aftercare Kits, more than 20,000 of which have been distributed; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Tribble served on Governor Terence R. McAuliffe's Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence to develop recommendations for reforming and improving the way Virginia works to prevent and respond to sexual violence on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her formal duties as the first lady of Christopher Newport University, Rosemary Tribble has befriended, supported, actively mentored, and inspired countless students during the 23 years that her husband, Paul Tribble, has served as president of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Tribble has poured her creativity and professional design expertise into the all of the new buildings at Christopher Newport University, creating a breathtakingly beautiful campus that will continue to serve Virginia for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Tribble has hugged each graduating Christopher Newport University senior after they received their diploma to demonstrate her admiration for their accomplishments and her appreciation for their lives and rich promise; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary and Paul Tribble are the understandably proud parents of two children who embody the values of excellence and leadership that have been the hallmarks of their public lives and the devoted grandparents of three precious grandchildren who are the light of their lives; now, and therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Rosemary Tribble for her service as founding president of Fear 2 Freedom; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rosemary Tribble as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia.



*Friends and family of Rosemary Tribble are pleased to share this wonderful news and thank all who made it possible.*