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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 277

Offered January 22, 2002

Celebrating the life of Barbara K. Olson.

Patrons—Callahan; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists launched a violent attack on the United States, causing great destruction and horrible human suffering in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the attack had a devastating effect in Virginia, home of the Pentagon and of many of the personnel, military and civilian, who served there; and

WHEREAS, among the victims of the Pentagon attack was Barbara K. Olson of Great Falls, a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon on September 11; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Olson was a former federal prosecutor and a well-known conservative advocate and commentator on the CNN, MSNBC, and Fox television stations; and

WHEREAS, a native of Houston, Texas, Barbara Olson was a graduate of the University of St. Thomas in Houston and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University in New York; and

WHEREAS, formerly the chief counsel to the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee's Republican majority, Barbara Olson was a best-selling author and the wife of United States Solicitor General Theodore B. Olson; and

WHEREAS, while the hijacking of Flight 77 was underway, Barbara Olson courageously completed two cell phone calls to her husband, providing invaluable information for those investigating the terrorist attacks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of Barbara K. Olson, an innocent victim of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States; 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 Barbara K. Olson as an expression of the heartfelt condolences of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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