HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 287

Offered January 25, 2008

Celebrating the life of Eve Marie Wilson.

Patrons—Moran, Vanderhye, Alexander, Amundson, Armstrong, Barlow, Bowling, Brink, Bulova, Caputo, Ebbin, Englin, Hull, Lewis, Marsden, McClellan, Plum, Poisson, Scott, J.M., Shannon, Sickles, Spruill, Toscano, Valentine, Ward and Watts; Senators: Herring, Howell, Petersen, Saslaw and Whipple

WHEREAS, Eve Marie Wilson of McLean, a respected citizen, community supporter, and longtime political activist, died on December 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, born on May 11, 1941, in San Francisco, California, Eve Wilson attended Pennsylvania State University and later moved to the Washington metropolitan area, where she resided for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, Eve Wilson was the owner of American Antiques and Interiors for 15 years, and during the past 20 years, she served as a consultant to numerous East Coast art galleries, antique dealers, and private collectors; and

WHEREAS, possessing a true love and an amazing knowledge of antiques, Eve Wilson and her wonderful antique collections were featured over the years in *Country Living Magazine*, *House Beautiful*, *Woman's Day*, and *The Washington Post*; and

WHEREAS, Eve Wilson had a passion for politics, and she was involved in civic affairs on the state and local level as an enthusiastic activist for the Democratic Party in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Eve Wilson's political participation spanned three decades, and she served as the chairman of the Democratic 10th Congressional District, a member of the Democratic Party Steering Committee, and a Virginia Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1992, 1996, 2000, and 2004; and

WHEREAS, committed to her community and improving the quality of life of her fellow citizens, Eve Wilson gave her time and numerous talents to many civic organizations, including as a member of the board of directors of the National Capital Area YWCA, the Fairfax County YWCA, the Preservation Alliance of Virginia, the Falls Church United Way, and the Fairfax County Human Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Eve Wilson served the citizens of the Commonwealth under several Virginia governors as a member of the Virginia Commission of Fine Arts and the Commission for Historic Preservation of Virginia, and as a trustee of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Eve Wilson will be fondly remembered for her great love of her family and her commitment to her community and will be greatly missed by her devoted husband of 46 years, Bruce Wilson, Sr.; her wonderful sons, Bruce Jr., James, and Christopher Wilson and their wonderful families, especially her grandchildren Danielle, Melissa, Jessica, James Jr., Katie, and Carly; many other loving family members and special friends; and the citizens of Northern Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Eve Marie Wilson; 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 Eve Marie Wilson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.