## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 234**

Celebrating the life of Mary Ann Weirich Benedett.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2012 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2012

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Weirich Benedett of Frederick County, a registered nurse who had an active interest in her community, working to make a positive difference wherever she lived and to assist those around her any way she could, died on February 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Warren, Ohio, Mary Ann Benedett became a registered nurse, providing quality and compassionate medical care to her patients; as medical standards changed and improved, she kept current with the latest advances in medical care to better serve her patients; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Benedett was interested in smoothing the transition for people relocating into her community; she was president of Welcome Wagon in West Hartford, Connecticut, and she was a member of the New Comer board of the Kansas City Women's Center for the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Benedett's interest in local affairs included leadership roles in the local and state Republican Party; she also served as a role model for young women as a Girl Scout leader for more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, a woman of strong faith, Mary Ann Benedett was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church in Winchester, and she appreciated the solace and friendship provided by the church and its members; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Benedett will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her husband, Thomas; her children, Kathryn, Jean, Karen, and Frank, and their families; and by many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected citizen who worked to improve her community and make it a welcoming place for all, Mary Ann Weirich Benedett; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Mary Ann Weirich Benedett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.