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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 207**

Offered January 24, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Mary Belvin Turner.*

Patron—McClellan

WHEREAS, Mary Belvin Turner of Franklin, a devoted wife and mother, a dedicated employee, and a loyal friend, died on December 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mary "Lucille" Turner, who was a native of Gloucester County, was an Avon representative for 50 years, and during that time she became a friend and confidante to many of her customers; they appreciated and benefited from her loyalty and compassion; and

WHEREAS, a strong desire to help others, especially those who were less fortunate, was evident in Lucille Turner's compassionate work as an advocate for people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime volunteer at the Endependence Center, Inc., in Norfolk, Lucille Turner spent many hours at the independent living center, providing assistance and care to its clients; she is best known for her tireless advocacy and service on behalf of her son, Edmond, who was a peer counselor at the Endependence Center; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great faith, Lucille Turner was a longtime member of Centenary United Methodist Church; when she moved to Franklin, she enjoyed fellowship and worship at High Street United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, George, Lucille Turner will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her sons, Edmond and Lynn, and their families, and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Mary Belvin Turner, a devoted mother and friend, dedicated public servant, and generous volunteer; 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 Mary Belvin Turner as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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