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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5195

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Celebrating the life of Edith Logan Sheppard Ott.

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31 32 Patrons—Carr, Austin, Campbell, Cole, Davis, Futrell, Herring, Hester, Hope, Keam, Kory, Landes, LaRock, McQuinn, Minchew, Morefield, Morrissey, Plum, Rasoul, Rust, Simon, Spruill, Tyler, Villanueva, Ware and Watts; Senators: Barker, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Locke, McEachin, Petersen, Ruff, Saslaw, Stosch and Wagner

WHEREAS, Edith Logan Sheppard Ott of Richmond, a respected psychologist and a dedicated alumna of the University of Mary Washington, died on June 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Edith Ott graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and earned a bachelor's degree from what is now the University of Mary Washington; and

WHEREAS, Edith Ott began her professional career at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children and Westbrook Psychiatric Hospital, then earned a doctorate from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Edith Ott shared her expertise as a faculty member at the University of Richmond and a staff psychologist at the Center for Psychological Services and Development before serving the community through her private practice from 1989 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, as a founding member of the Gestalt Institute of Richmond, Edith Ott helped provide innovative personal and professional development programs to the Richmond community; and

WHEREAS, an active leader in the University of Mary Washington community throughout her life, Edith Ott served as a member and president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Visitors, the President's Council on Sustainability, and the Class of 1959 Reunion Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Edith Ott received the Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award, which recognizes a University of Mary Washington alumna who has demonstrated exceptional support for and dedication to the university and its students; and

WHEREAS, Edith Ott will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 55 years, Matthew, Jr.; children, Heather, Meredith, and Matthew III, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Edith Logan Sheppard Ott, a respected therapist and proud alumna of the University of Mary Washington; 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 Edith Logan Sheppard Ott as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.