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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 761

Offered February 5, 2015

*Celebrating the life of Lular Ree Clarke Lucky.*

Patrons—Rasoul; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, Lular Ree Clarke Lucky, a force for good for the people of Roanoke, a highly effective community advocate, supporter of youth and youth programs, longtime board member of the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, a woman of faith, and a devoted wife and mother, died on August 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Lular Lucky was born on a Cherokee reservation in South Carolina and was proud to claim Native American heritage, as her paternal grandmother was a full Cherokee; she moved with her family to Roanoke when she was 3 and grew up there; and

WHEREAS, Lular Lucky, who attended Mississippi State University and Southwest Virginia Community College, also enrolled in nursing school at Roanoke Memorial Hospital, which is now part of the Carilion Clinic health care organization; she devoted much of her life to serving others; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Lular Clarke married Hermon Lucky, and the couple settled in Atlantic City, New Jersey; after her husband died, Lular Lucky returned to Roanoke, working to help others and improve her community; and

WHEREAS, even as a girl, Lular Lucky assisted those in need; early in her career, she worked with young people at Jerusalem Baptist Church and was a Girl Scout leader; her other church activities included directing the youth choir and facilitating workshops for young people; and

WHEREAS, as an employee of the Roanoke Department of Social Services, Lular Lucky focused on improving the lives of young people and African American residents; she was involved with the federal healthy food program for women, infants, and children and the Total Action for Progress initiative; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Lular Lucky was a member of the board of the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, serving on a statewide client council and also on the board of the National Association of Client Advocates; and

WHEREAS, Lular Lucky worked tirelessly to empower those less fortunate, encouraging economic development as a way to help people and communities, and promoting the importance of legal aid; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great faith, Lular Lucky was a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church for more than 70 years, where she enjoyed fellowship and worship and was actively involved in many church programs; and

WHEREAS, Lular Lucky will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her son, Hermon, Jr., and his family; many other family members and friends; and the residents of Roanoke on whose behalf she devoted much of her life's work; 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 Lular Ree Clarke Lucky, a force for good for the people of Roanoke, community advocate, supporter of young people, longtime board member of the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, woman of faith, and devoted wife and mother; 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 Lular Ree Clarke Lucky as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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