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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 250**

Offered February 11, 2018

Celebrating the life of Louise Fletcher King Eastham.

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WHEREAS, Louise Fletcher King Eastham, a beloved mother and a dedicated member of the Rappahannock County community who gave generously of her time in service to others, died on November 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Alexandria, Louise Eastham moved to Rappahannock County as a girl and eventually settled with her parents at Ben Venue, a historic mid-19th century family homestead; and

WHEREAS, after eloping with her husband, Thomas Lindsay Eastham, in 1952, Louise Eastham earned her teaching degree from Madison College in Harrisonburg, where she was named May Queen her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Louise Eastham taught first and second grade in Front Royal for several years; after starting a family, she devoted herself full-time to raising her children and running the family cattle farm with her husband; and

WHEREAS, a devoted resident of Rappahannock County, Louise Eastham was active in numerous organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Valley Garden Club, and the Bridge Club; and

WHEREAS, a woman of strong faith, Louise Eastham was a longtime parishioner at Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, where she was a dedicated volunteer who helped organize the annual house tour; and

WHEREAS, an avid traveler, Louise Eastham was happiest when spending time with family or visiting Colonial Williamsburg with her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Thomas, and daughter, Stuart, Louise Eastham will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Fletcher and Lindsay, and their families, as well as countless 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 Louise Fletcher King Eastham, a devoted citizen who tirelessly served the Rappahannock County community; 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 Louise Fletcher King Eastham as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.