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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 292

Offered February 16, 2018

Celebrating the life of Lindsay Butte West.

Patrons—Hurst; Senators: Edwards and Deeds

WHEREAS, Lindsay Butte West, a beloved mother and respected Blacksburg resident who gave exemplary service to the community as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, died on February 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in Puerto Rico, Lindsay West moved frequently during her childhood, living in Venezuela, Oklahoma, Washington, and New York; in 1956, she earned a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe College in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Lindsay West married her husband, David, in 1958; the couple settled in Blacksburg four years later and moved into a restored 1840 farmhouse; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader with a passion for civil rights and environmental issues, Lindsay West was active in civic affairs in Blacksburg and was elected to the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors in 1976 as its first female member; and

WHEREAS, Lindsay West served on the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for 12 years, including stints as vice chair and chair, and worked tirelessly to improve town-county relationships; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, Lindsay West brought her experience and leadership to the Montgomery County Social Services Board, the New River Community Action Board, and the Montgomery County Public Service Authority; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Lindsay West served on the state Local Government Advisory Council and the Local Government Advisory Committee of the Governor's Commission of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors in 1987, Lindsay West continued to serve the community by working with New River Community Action and by helping form the Community Foundation of the New River Valley; and

WHEREAS, Lindsay West chaired the Democratic Committee in Montgomery County and served on the Virginia State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services during the administrations of Governor Mark R. Warner and Governor Timothy M. Kaine; and

WHEREAS, a Blacksburg resident for 56 years, Lindsay West contributed to the restoration of the town's downtown area by overseeing the renovation of the Lyric Theatre, recruiting donors, and serving as the Lyric Council's first chairperson; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Lindsay West's lifetime of service, the Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP presented her with its annual Nannie B. Hairston Community Service Award in 2011; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, David, and son, Peter, Lindsay West will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Roger and Susan, and their families, as well as numerous other family members, friends, and Blacksburg residents; 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 Lindsay Butte West, a dedicated Blacksburg resident who gave outstanding service to the 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 Lindsay Butte West as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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