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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180

Offered March 7, 2018

Celebrating the life of Jenny Osborne Wilkins.

Patron—Edmunds

WHEREAS, Jenny Osborne Wilkins, the welcoming face of the Halifax County Fair for more than 60 years, died on February 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Halifax County, Jenny Wilkins assisted her husband, Buck, in organizing the beloved local tradition, the Halifax County Fair, every October, becoming known in the area as "the Fair Lady"; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Wilkins also helped her husband manage his architecture company and South Boston Speedway, and after his death in 2004, she managed the Halifax County Fair until 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Wilkins provided her wise leadership to the Virginia Association of Fairs as the organization's vice president, and she was named as Fair Person of the Year in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Jenny Wilkins helped preserve the history and heritage of the Commonwealth as a proud member of the Berryman Green Chapter of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Jenny Wilkins was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon and a church elder; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Buck, Jenny Wilkins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Paige, Sue, and Edward, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jenny Osborne Wilkins, a pillar of the South Boston and Halifax County communities; 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 Jenny Osborne Wilkins as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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