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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 767

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Celebrating the life of Elizabeth Carter Lineweaver.

Patrons—Webert; Senator: Vogel

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Carter Lineweaver, a successful businesswoman who dedicated her life to the service of her fellow Warrenton residents, and honored veterans of the Civil War through the creation of the Memorial Wall to Name the Fallen, died on October 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a proud native of Warrenton, Elizabeth "Bizz" Carter Lineweaver grew up in Washington, D.C., and attended American University and the University of Richmond's Westhampton College; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Bizz Lineweaver married her husband, Bill, who went on to serve as a member of the Warrenton Town Council and as mayor of the town for more than two decades; over the years, the couple worked diligently to enhance the quality of life in both Warrenton and all of Fauquier County; and

WHEREAS, as the owner of H. B. Carter & Company, as well as several buildings on Main Street, Bizz Lineweaver was determined to ensure that downtown Warrenton remained a focal point of the community; she initiated several beautification projects and led negotiations to keep the post office on Main Street, which she considered one of her finest achievements in service to the town; and

WHEREAS, in order to better understand her deep family roots in the Warrenton area, Bizz Lineweaver applied her keen intellect to the study of genealogy and became a member of the Jamestowne Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Bizz Lineweaver was given a notebook containing the names of 520 previously unnamed Civil War veterans who had been buried in a mass grave in Warrenton Cemetery during the war; and

WHEREAS, Bizz Lineweaver worked with a renowned landscape architect and local civic groups to erect a granite wall engraved with the name, unit, and date of death of each soldier, a delicate task in the more than 200-year-old cemetery, as well as publish the full contents of the notebook; and

WHEREAS, Bizz Lineweaver was an accomplished seamstress, a life member of the Francis Fauquier Garden Club, and a gracious and welcoming hostess who relished every opportunity to spend time with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Bill, Bizz Lineweaver will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughters, Beth, Babs, and Bitsy, and their families, and numerous 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 Elizabeth Carter Lineweaver, a pillar of the Warrenton 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 Elizabeth Carter Lineweaver as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.