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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 328

Offered January 25, 2019

Celebrating the life of Evelynn Belle Ware.

Patrons—Black; Delegate: LaRock

WHEREAS, Evelynn Belle Ware, a dedicated public servant and a passionate historic preservationist who made many contributions to the Hillsboro community, died on November 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D.C., Belle Ware moved to Hillsboro with her family shortly after World War II and went on to become the town's longest living resident, gaining an unparalleled knowledge of the community's history and heritage along the way; and

WHEREAS, Belle Ware was a founding member of the Short Hill Historical Society and helped save Hillsboro's Old Stone School from demolition in 1976; she was deeply involved in the nonprofit organization for 42 years and especially loved participating in the Hillsboro Historic Homes Tour; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to her fellow Hillsboro residents, Belle Ware ran for and was elected to the Hillsboro Town Council, following in the footsteps of her late mother, Evelyn Turbeville, who was the first woman mayor in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her three decades in public office, Belle Ware served as treasurer and vice mayor and helped strengthen the Hillsboro community; and

WHEREAS, Belle Ware was also an active leader in the Hillsboro Community Association and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Hillsboro United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, John, Belle Ware will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Vicki, Paige, John, and Mark, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Evelynn Belle Ware, a pillar of the Hillsboro community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Evelynn Belle Ware as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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