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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132

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Celebrating the life of Elma Mankin.

Patrons—Boysko, Barker, Dance, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike, Petersen, Saslaw, Spruill and Surovell

WHEREAS, Elma Mankin, lifelong resident of Herndon and active philanthropist, died on May 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, beginning her career as the first secretary at her alma mater, Herndon High School, Elma Mankin served for five years before beginning a family; she then became the first secretary at Herndon Elementary School where she remained for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, after her daughters were grown, Elma Mankin returned to school and received her associate degree from Northern Virginia Community College graduating in 1989, summa cum laude, where she discovered a passion for art; and

WHEREAS, although art remained a hobby of hers, Elma Mankin's true calling was always volunteering, an area in which she helped make a difference in others' lives for numerous decades; and

WHEREAS, sharing her time and talents with many in the community, Elma Mankin spent countless hours volunteering at many Herndon historical sites and gave over 4,500 hours of her time to Reston Hospital, assisting in the rehabilitation center beginning in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Elma Mankin was a member of the "Lunch and Fun Bunch," the Herndon Council for the Arts, and the Herndon United Methodist Church, where she served as greeter and usher, as well as member of the Endowment Committee and History Committee; she was also a lifetime member of the Herndon Historical Society and a member since 1949 of the Herndon Woman's Club, where she served as the club historian and president; and also served as vice president of the Fairfax Federation of Woman's Clubs and treasurer of the Northern District Woman's Club; and

WHEREAS, earning numerous awards and accolades throughout her life, Elma Mankin received the Frist Humanitarian Award in 1996, the Herndon Mayor's Distinguished Service Award in 1997, the Herndon Rotary Club "Citizen of the Year" in 2001 where she was crowned Queen of Herndon; and she was recognized at the Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Night for her countless years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, a proud and devoted family woman, Elma Mankin lived a long and meaningful life marked by service to others; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Wilson, and her daughter, Nancy, Elma Mankin will be dearly remembered by her daughter, Gayle, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Elma Mankin, invaluable member of the Herndon community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Elma Mankin as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory and contributions to the Commonwealth.

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