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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

Offered February 14, 2020

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Eva Mae Fleming Scott.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Eva Mae Fleming Scott, a pharmacist, businesswoman, and newspaper publisher who made history as the first woman to serve in the Senate of Virginia, died on March 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Amelia County, Eva Scott attended Longwood College and later graduated with a pharmacy degree from the Medical College of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Eva Scott was a loving wife and life partner to her husband, Leander O. Scott, with whom she raised five children, remaining heavily involved in each of their lives until her passing; and

WHEREAS, Eva Scott was a consummate businessperson, leading from the front as a woman before her time; she was a principal and active participant in the family businesses, including a drug store, lumber mill, pallet manufacturing plant, and timber farm, and oversaw the family's investments in land conservation, power generation, transportation, and commercial real estate; and

WHEREAS, Eva Scott was a trailblazer in Virginia's political world; initially serving four consecutive terms in the Virginia House of Delegates beginning in 1972, she became the first woman elected to the Senate of Virginia in 1979, serving one term and earning a reputation as a committed conservative; and

WHEREAS, Eva Scott remained an active participant in community organizations and conservative causes throughout her lifetime, advocating for fiscal responsibility, personal accountability, and the sanctity of life; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her historic accomplishments and tireless efforts on behalf of the Commonwealth and its citizens, Eva Scott was honored by the Library of Virginia as a "Virginia Woman in History" in 2013; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her son, Tom, Eva Scott will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her husband of more than 70 years, Leander; her children, Jo Anne, Rebecca, Lanny, and William, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Eva Mae Fleming Scott, a beloved member of the Amelia community who touched countless lives as a businesswoman, legislator, and friend; 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 the Honorable Eva Mae Fleming Scott as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.