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Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of Mary Elene Williams Farlow.

Patrons—Marshall and Adams, L.R.; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Mary Elene Williams Farlow, an esteemed restaurateur and beloved member of the

Danville community, died on May 4, 2020; and WHEREAS, second generation owner and operator of Mary's Diner in Danville, Elene Farlow reliably served delicious meals to the community for many years and was a cherished fixture in the lives

of an untold number of area residents; and WHEREAS, committed to supporting the professional advancement of others, Elene Farlow was a charter member of the Danville-Pittsylvania chapter of the American Business Women's Association, where she held various leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged steward of her community, Elene Farlow gave amply of her time through service on the boards of God's Pit Crew, Inc., the Danville Chamber of Commerce, the Danville-Pittsylvania Cancer Association, and the former Virginia Restaurant Association; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her deep and abiding faith, Elene Farlow enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Danville, where she was a member of the New Generation Choir; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, James, Elene Farlow will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, James and Starlette, 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 Mary Elene Williams Farlow, a treasured Danville restaurateur whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Mary Elene Williams Farlow as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.