

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 627

*Celebrating the life of Ruth Franklin Loughborough.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 27, 2021

WHEREAS, Ruth Franklin Loughborough, an esteemed businesswoman and merchant and a beloved member of the Boyce and Berryville communities, died on January 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by customers and friends as "Miss Ruth," Ruth Loughborough served the agricultural community of Clarke County for more than 60 years as both an employee and owner of Berryville Farm Supply; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Loughborough grew up on a farm in Clarke County and began working at Berryville Farm Supply on June 7, 1957, when she was 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, through steadfast dedication and hard work, Ruth Loughborough ultimately became president of Berryville Farm Supply Corporation, guiding the company until she sold the business and retired in 2020; and

WHEREAS, an enterprising and adaptive business owner, Ruth Loughborough diversified Berryville Farm Supply's offerings over the years to meet the home and garden needs of the wider Clarke County community; and

WHEREAS, known for her ready smile and reliable advice, Ruth Loughborough was an endearing fixture in Berryville and her legacy will be cherished by area residents and farmers for years to come; and

WHEREAS, through her support of the annual Clarke County Fair and local 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs, Ruth Loughborough encouraged the aspirations of innumerable children and contributed meaningfully to their success and well-being; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Ruth Loughborough enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church in Berryville, where she was a lifelong member; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, Richard, Ruth Loughborough will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by numerous family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ruth Franklin Loughborough, a pillar of the Berryville business community 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 Ruth Franklin Loughborough as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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