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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 277

Offered February 22, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Mary Francis Andrews Melton.*

Patrons—Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, Maldonado, McQuinn, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds and Willett; Senators: Ebbin, Edwards, Hashmi, Howell, McPike and Spruill

WHEREAS, Mary Francis Andrews Melton, a highly admired artist and vibrant member of the Richmond community, died on January 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mary Melton attended Virginia Commonwealth University and studied art through programs and workshops in the Richmond area and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mary Melton created beautiful works in various mediums, including oil on canvas, watercolor, encaustic, and printmaking; her pieces have been shown in prominent galleries throughout the Commonwealth and many are included in private collections; and

WHEREAS, Mary Melton worked with the Richmond Metropolitan Artists Association and taught private lessons at the Westminster Canterbury retirement community in Richmond; she offered her expertise to the Ginter Park Garden Club, developing floral arrangements for monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, Mary Melton celebrated her Armenian heritage throughout her life and used her artistic talents to raise awareness of the Armenian Genocide in 1915; and

WHEREAS, Mary Melton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 66 years, Nelson; her children, David, Billy, Timothy, Jennifer, and Stephen, 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 Francis Andrews Melton; 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 Francis Andrews Melton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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