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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 277

Offered January 25, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Freda Marlene Ratliff.*

Patron—Kilgore

WHEREAS, Freda Marlene Ratliff, a vibrant member of the Grundy and Big Stone Gap communities and a beloved mother and grandmother, died on September 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Freda Ratliff was born in Iaeger, West Virginia, and grew up in the Little Prater area of Grundy, where she lived for more than 65 years, until 2004, when she moved to Big Stone Gap; and

WHEREAS, Freda Ratliff was a proud homemaker who relished every opportunity to care for her family and share her wisdom and insights with her children and grandchildren over a delicious home-cooked meal; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Freda Ratliff enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Ratliff Chapel Baptist Church, where she served as a trustee and a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Sparrel, and one son, Christopher, Freda Ratliff will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her sons, Donnie and Randy, and their families; her daughter-in-law, Tammy, and her family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Freda Marlene Ratliff, a highly admired member of the Grundy and Big Stone Gap communities; 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 Freda Marlene Ratliff as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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