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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Offered March 9, 2010

*Celebrating the life of Myrna Miller Wellons.*

Patron—Ware, R.L.

WHEREAS, though "all flesh is as grass [and] withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away," still even a sparrow "shall not fall on the ground without your Father" accomplishing His purposes within the providential care of the Divine; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons, director of governmental affairs for Lilly USA in Virginia and hence familiar to the legislatures of Virginia and several other states of the Upper South, has yielded up her life at the age of 40, shortly after giving birth to her first child; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons was a tireless advocate of social welfare, especially through the Diabetes Advisory Council and the Mental Health Association of our neighbors in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons also labored on behalf of the ill and infirm in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons was a visiting lecturer at Meredith College, North Carolina State University, and in the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons earned both the B.A. and Juris Doctor degrees from Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons earned the sobriquet "Mama Myrna" for her solicitous care of those on whose behalf she labored and to whom she provided both professional and personal care; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons embodied the virtues of "The Citizen" as extolled by Thomas Jefferson of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons expressed a bountiful joy at the birth of her son, only to be afflicted by a catastrophic stroke from which she died on March 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Miller Wellons is survived by her devoted husband, Robert Shawn Wellons, and by the couple's infant son, Christopher Wellons, of Cary, North Carolina, and by a host of other relatives and friends, including many Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates mourn the death of Myrna Miller Wellons and acknowledge her abiding contributions to the mental health and diabetes services received by countless citizens in several states; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Robert Shawn Wellons and his son, Christopher, in sympathy with their bereavement and in grateful remembrance of an exemplary life.

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