

2012 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 230

Recognizing the Town of Wytheville and Wythe County as the Birthplace and Childhood Home of First Lady Edith Bolling Wilson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2012

Agreed to by the Senate, February 28, 2012

WHEREAS, Edith Bolling Wilson, the 35th First Lady of the United States and wife of President Woodrow Wilson, was born in Wytheville, Virginia, on October 15, 1872; and

WHEREAS, a modest second-floor residence, located above street-level storefronts at 145 East Main Street, Wytheville, Virginia, was the birthplace of Edith Bolling and home to her family, including 10 siblings, grandparents, extended family, and 26 canaries; and

WHEREAS, Edith Bolling received her primary education from parents and grandparents at their home before leaving Wytheville at age 15 to study in Abingdon, Virginia, and later in Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Foundation was founded by William J. and Farron W. Smith on October 15, 2005, to provide for the restoration of the Bolling Home as the birthplace and childhood home of First Lady Edith Bolling Wilson, and to honor the First Lady's legacy, her contributions to this country, and the resulting positive example and strong inspiration to women; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby recognize the Town of Wytheville and Wythe County as the Birthplace and Childhood Home of First Lady Edith Bolling Wilson; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Town Manager of Wytheville, and Danny McDaniel, chair of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, so that the Town of Wytheville and Wythe County may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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