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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5020

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*Celebrating the life of Nancy Fleshman Jiranek.*

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WHEREAS, Nancy Fleshman Jiranek, a tireless champion for literacy whose civic and community endeavors touched the lives of countless individuals in Danville, died on March 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bassett, Nancy Jiranek graduated from Salem Academy and earned a bachelor's degree from Barnard College before completing a master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Jiranek and her husband, Robert, settled in Danville, where she raised her family of five children and began to teach individuals in the community to read; and

WHEREAS, passionate about the importance of literacy, Nancy Jiranek cofounded the Danville Reading Center to provide elementary school students with remedial instruction to enable them to succeed in their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Jiranek later became the facilitator and executive director of Project Literacy, which helps adults improve vital reading, spelling, writing, and math skills, and spent countless hours ensuring the project's success by soliciting donations and recruiting volunteers; and

WHEREAS, known and admired for her energetic spirit, Nancy Jiranek was a strong advocate of empowering women, serving for many years with the YWCA of Danville/Pittsylvania County in various capacities and even traveling to South America to learn more about issues impacting women in the world; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Jiranek also took an active role in civic affairs while on the Danville Electoral Board and Zoning Board and devoted many hours in support of the Democratic Party of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Jiranek was a member of the Shakespeare Study Club, Church Women United of Danville, Wednesday Club of Danville, Garden Club of Virginia, Garden Club of Danville, and Epiphany Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, a beloved resident of Danville, Nancy Jiranek leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband of 58 years, Robert; their five children and 13 grandchildren; and numerous other family members, friends, and individuals whose lives were enriched as a result of her work; 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 an esteemed citizen of Danville, Nancy Fleshman Jiranek; 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 Nancy Fleshman Jiranek as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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