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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 125

Offered January 10, 2014

Celebrating the life of Elvira Beville Shaw.

Patrons—Cox, Albo, Carr, Dance, Filler-Corn, Herring, Howell, W.J., Ingram, Joannou, Kilgore, Lingamfelter, Loupassi, Massie, McQuinn, O'Bannon, Orrock, Peace, Plum, Robinson, Torian, Toscano, Ware and Watts; Senators: Barker, Colgan, Deeds, Edwards, Hanger, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Marsh, Martin, McEachin, Miller, Newman, Puller, Saslaw, Stosch, Stuart and Watkins

WHEREAS, Elvira Beville Shaw, a respected civic leader from Colonial Heights, died on October 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dinwiddie County, Elvira Shaw generously gave of her time and talents to serve in various capacities with a number of local and state organizations and entities; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Shaw served with such organizations as the Criminal Justice Board; the State Department of Volunteerism; Central Virginia Health Agency, Inc.; the social services board for Colonial Heights and Chesterfield; the District 19 Community Services Board; and as a board member of the Richard Bland College Foundation, the Department of Aging, and the Crater District Area Agency on Aging; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to fair and orderly elections, Elvira Shaw served as secretary of the Virginia Electoral Board for 25 years and on the Colonial Heights Electoral Board for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Shaw was a tireless advocate for the elderly, serving with several organizations dedicated to meeting the needs of the aging and as an active member of the AARP; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Shaw served on the legislative committee of AARP for several decades and received the organization's Andrus Award for her exemplary service and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her tireless service to the community, Elvira Shaw received the Judah P. Benjamin Award from the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Shaw enjoyed fellowship and worship alongside other community members at Highland United Methodist Church and was a member of the Virginia United Methodist Conference; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a strong community spirit, Elvira Shaw inspired those around her with her dedicated and meaningful volunteerism and leaves behind a remarkable legacy of civic service; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Lawrence, Elvira Shaw will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her son, Ben, and his family, and numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 a dedicated community supporter, Elvira Beville Shaw; 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 Elvira Beville Shaw as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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