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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 261

Offered March 2, 2020

Celebrating the life of Josephine Evans Burns.

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WHEREAS, Josephine Evans Burns, a resident of Herndon who made many contributions to the community personally and professionally, died on February 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Josephine Burns moved to Herndon with her family after her mother accepted a teaching position in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, after completing her own education, Josephine Burns helped maintain Rock Ridge, a farm and youth camp, and later operated a messenger service between Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., and Maryland with her husband, Horace; and

WHEREAS, an avid reader, Josephine Burns promoted literacy and education for women as a 50-year member and past president of the Herndon Fortnightly Club; she also held a position at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Burns enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, of which she was a founding member; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Horace, Josephine Burns will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her foster son, Melvin; stepchildren, Carol, Sharon, and Daniel; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RÉSOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Josephine Evans Burns, a vibrant member of the Herndon community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Josephine Evans Burns as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.