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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 375

Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of Elaine Dolores Walker.

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 Patrons—Bell and Boysko; Delegates: Delaney, Reid and Subramanyam

WHEREAS, Elaine Dolores Walker, longtime mayor of Lovettsville and a beloved member of the Greater Loudoun County community, died on June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Loudoun County High School Class of 1956, Elaine Walker worked as a secretary with Loudoun County Public Schools for 15 years, first at Loudoun Valley High School and later at Blue Ridge Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Walker served on the Lovettsville Town Council for a decade before being elected mayor in 1990; as a testament to her constituents' confidence in her leadership, she was reelected 10 times, ultimately serving as mayor for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Walker's tenure as mayor of Lovettsville was characterized by her ability to foster good relationships in the community and inspire her colleagues to work tirelessly for the benefit of the town; and

WHEREAS, a founding member of the Coalition of Loudoun Towns, a consortium of the seven mayors in Loudoun County formed in the early 1990s, Elaine Walker helped foster greater collaboration and cooperation across the region; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of her community, Elaine Walker served in the auxiliary of the Lovettsville Fire and Rescue Company for decades while also supporting various other local civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Walker was the recipient of many awards and distinctions to honor her service to the community, including the 2005 *Loudoun Times-Mirror* Citizen of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years, Cliff, Elaine Walker will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her daughters, Debbie, Linda, and Carol, and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Elaine Dolores Walker, former mayor of Lovettsville, whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

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