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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

Offered January 25, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Wanda Driver Wilt.*

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WHEREAS, Wanda Driver Wilt, an esteemed account executive, trailblazing public servant, and beloved member of the Rockingham County and Broadway communities, died October 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mount Jackson, Wanda Wilt dedicated 43 years to WHSV-TV in Harrisonburg as an account executive and also worked part-time for 14 years at the law firm Clark and Bradshaw, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Wilt's pioneering spirit and commitment to her community led her to make history as the first woman to serve on the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, the Broadway Town Council and as mayor of the Town of Broadway; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Wilt held the District 1 seat on the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors from 1976 to 1977, served on the Broadway Town Council for six years, and was mayor of the Town of Broadway for 10 years in the late 1990s and early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, with a servant's heart, Wanda Wilt helped establish both the Rotary Club of Broadway-Timberville and the Mt. Jackson-Edinburg Rotary Club and also devoted 16 years to volunteering as a driver for Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her service and extraordinary impact on the community, Wanda Wilt was named Citizen of the Year by the Broadway-Timberville Chamber of Commerce in 2004 and Citizen of the Year by the Broadway-Timberville Ruritan Club in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Wilt's passions included gardening — for which she was known for her exceptional calla lilies and roses — and college and professional football, favoring the team now known as the Washington Commanders; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Wanda Wilt was a lifelong member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Timberville, where she served as a trustee; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, Randolph, Wanda Wilt will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Randy, Matthew, and Beth, and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Wanda Driver Wilt, a cherished and adored member of the Broadway community whose service 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 Wanda Driver Wilt as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.