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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173

Offered February 23, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Wanda Fay Slempp.*

Patrons—Pillion, Barker, Bell, Boysko, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Ebbin, Favola, Hackworth, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, Morrissey, Norment, Peake, Petersen, Reeves, Rouse, Ruff, Saslaw, Stanley, Suetterlein, Surovell and Vogel

WHEREAS, Wanda Fay Slempp, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and member of the Lee County community, died on February 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, born in Chad, Kentucky, and later moving to Lee County, Fay Slempp graduated from the former Dryden High School before working as the bookkeeper of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library in Wise for nearly 20 years, contributing greatly to the success of the institution throughout Dickenson, Lee, Wise, and Scott Counties and the City of Norton; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Lonesome Pine Regional Library and relocating to the beaches of North and South Carolina with her husband, Charles, Fay Slempp served as a librarian assistant at Southeastern Community College for some time before ultimately returning to Lee County, where she worked indefatigably as a tax preparer until her retirement at 83 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Fay Slempp could often be found in her garden among her treasured flowers, reading the latest John Grisham novel, collecting lighthouses, basket weaving, or sewing, yet her greatest joy was spending time with her family, who knew her as an engrossing storyteller, a fierce Duke University Blue Devils fan, and an expert sandcastle maker; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband, Charles, Fay Slempp will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her son, Charles, Jr., and his family; 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 Fay Slempp, a cherished member of the Lee County community, whose 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 Wanda Fay Slempp as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.