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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 278

Offered February 22, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Maybell Ann Smith Fountain.*

Patrons—Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, Maldonado, McQuinn, Rasoul and Willett;  
 Senators: Ebbin, Edwards, Hashmi, Howell and Spruill

WHEREAS, Maybell Ann Smith Fountain, an active and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on May 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Hampton, South Carolina, Maybell Fountain was affectionately known by family as "Maddie" and in the community as "Mrs. Carnation"; and

WHEREAS, Maybell Fountain and her husband, Joseph, settled in the Richmond area in 1950 and shortly thereafter bought a plot of land off what is now the Midlothian Turnpike, at the time only a long dirt road that went through Chesterfield County; and

WHEREAS, Maybell Fountain and her husband first lived on the property in a shack made from reclaimed wood and later built the house of their dreams with their own hands, where she would reside for the remainder of her life; and

WHEREAS, Maybell Fountain was instrumental to the naming of the street she lived on as her suggestion was ultimately selected for what would become Carnation Street; she was recently recognized by the Richmond City Council for this notable achievement; and

WHEREAS, Maybell Fountain admirably served the clinic of family physician Dr. William Cary Hancock as a nursing aid for some time, contributing to the health and well-being of her patients; and

WHEREAS, Maybell Fountain was a longtime supporter of the Democratic Party and often canvassed on behalf of the party's candidates; and

WHEREAS, Maybell Fountain was highly involved in the community through her volunteer work with many organizations; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Maybell Fountain was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church in South Richmond for many years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, Sr., and her daughter, Rose Marie, Maybell Fountain will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Cynthia, Sylvia, Peggy, and Marvin, and their families, and by numerous other family members and friends; 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 Maybell Ann Smith Fountain; 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 Maybell Ann Smith Fountain as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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