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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 180

Offered March 5, 2026

*Celebrating the life of Mary Louise Hinton Crowther.*

Patron—Stuart

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Hinton Crowther, an accomplished businesswoman, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and beloved member of the Northumberland County community, died on February 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, “Mary Lou” Crowther enjoyed an idyllic childhood on her family's farm and later graduated from St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Crowther studied at Averett College, where she majored in physical education, and later attended the former Pan American Business School, acquiring knowledge and skills that would prove invaluable to her family's business, Lilian Lumber Company, which she served as vice president; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Crowther gave generously of her time for the benefit of others as a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross, as a member of the Woman's Club of Northumberland County, and as a fundraiser for the Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her achievements in her career and in service to the community, Mary Lou Crowther was presented the Distinguished Alumna Award by St. Margaret's School in 2023; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Prosser, Mary Lou Crowther will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Virginia Louise, Prosser, Jr., Elizabeth, William, and Richard, 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 Mary Louise Hinton Crowther, a treasured member of the Northumberland County community whose light brightened 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 Mary Louise Hinton Crowther as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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