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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 326

Offered January 24, 2000

*On the death of T. Braxton Woody.*

Patrons—Harris and Van Yahres; Senator: Couric

WHEREAS, T. Braxton Woody, a native of Virginia and a master teacher at the University of Virginia for more than 40 years, died on January 9, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a friend of the University, T. Braxton Woody was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honorary society, the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society, the Raven Society, and the Jefferson Society; and

WHEREAS, T. Braxton Woody served the University in numerous capacities, including professor of French and Spanish language, literature, and civilization; dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and chairman of the Special University Committee on the Admission of Women to the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, through the leadership and recommendations of T. Braxton Woody, the University of Virginia was transformed from an all-male to a coeducational institution open to all qualified applicants; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service, T. Braxton Woody was the recipient of numerous accolades, including the Raven Award, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for "excellence of character and service to humanity," and the Imp Award; and

WHEREAS, in a tribute to an especially loved faculty member, the Student Council at the University of Virginia created, in 1992, the T. Braxton Woody Award, which is presented to the faculty member who has gone beyond the confines of the classroom to preserve Mr. Jefferson's vision of a close personal relationship between students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, in a career dedicated to the excellence of the University of Virginia, T. Braxton Woody served fellow academics, the surrounding community of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, and the student body with enthusiasm and a commitment to excellence that will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a fine citizen of the Commonwealth and an irreplaceable part of the University of Virginia, T. Braxton Woody; 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 T. Braxton Woody as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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