HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 935

Celebrating the life of Warren A. Crawford.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2007 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2007

WHEREAS, Warren A. Crawford of Roanoke, a 30-year veteran of the Roanoke City Public Schools, died on January 25, 2007, after a long battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, born on January 26, 1947, Warren Crawford grew up in Washington, D.C., and after graduating from Roanoke College in 1970, went on to earn a master's degree in education at Radford University; and

WHEREAS, after working in Rappahannock County for a couple of years to earn his elementary school teaching license, Warren Crawford returned to Roanoke and began teaching at Oakland Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his great talent and energy, Warren Crawford was quickly promoted to principal and his first school was Monterey Elementary; and

WHEREAS, from Monterey, Warren Crawford moved to Fairview Elementary and during his 10-year tenure there, he helped create a magnet school curriculum centered on plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, Warren Crawford was next tapped to lead Fallon Park Elementary, where his expertise and guidance helped lay the groundwork for the school's recent turnaround; and

WHEREAS, Warren Crawford left Fallon Park to take a position in the school system's central administration, but he missed the daily interaction with children and a year later he was back at the helm of Monterey Elementary, doing what he did best; and

WHEREAS, beloved by students and teachers alike, Warren Crawford truly felt that he could make a difference in the lives of young children by getting them excited about learning; and

WHEREAS, Warren Crawford will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Judy, their daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren, many other family members and friends, and countless students, colleagues, and supporters in the Roanoke City Public Schools; 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 Warren A. Crawford, an outstanding educator and a fine Virginian; 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 Warren A. Crawford as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.