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Celebrating the life of Phyllis S. Taylor.

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WHEREAS, Phyllis S. Taylor of Chesapeake, a respected citizen and outstanding educator for nearly 30 years, died on June 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charles Town, West Virginia, Phyllis Shirley Jackson was born to Mary Eliza Howard Jackson and Shirley Hunter Jackson on September 1, 1933, as the eighth of nine daughters; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Jackson attended Page-Jackson High School and Shepherd College (now Shepherd University) and Cheney State College, both in West Virginia, and received a master's degree from Norfolk State University; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Jackson married her one and only love, the Rev. Dr. Donald F. Taylor, Sr., also of Charles Town, and the couple had five wonderful children and were married 53 years; and

WHEREAS, before moving to Chesapeake with her family, Phyllis Taylor taught elementary school in Baltimore, Maryland, and West Chester, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated teacher and excellent administrator, Phyllis Taylor spent the majority of her career in education in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools as a reading resources specialist at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School and as an assistant principal at Birdneck Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, as a devoted pastor's wife, Phyllis Taylor lived a life of service to others and remained active in the congregations of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Virginia Beach and Saint Timothy Baptist Church in Suffolk; over the years, she sang in the Senior Choir, taught Sunday School, volunteered in numerous community activities, and helped establish a church preschool; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Taylor was a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Taylor will be fondly remembered for her kind and generous nature and greatly missed by her family and her numerous friends and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine educator and outstanding Virginian, Phyllis S. Taylor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Phyllis S. Taylor as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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