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			SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55
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Celebrating the life of Catherine M. Cox.

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WHEREAS, Catherine M. Cox, a respected citizen and former member of the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, died on October 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Smyth County, Catherine "Kitty" Cox began her career in education in 1945 at Rich Valley High School and retired in 1991 as a librarian from Chilhowie High School; and

WHEREAS, Kitty Cox and her late husband, Owen L. Cox, Sr., opened a Western Auto Store in Saltville in 1956 and operated it together until 1979; and

WHEREAS, always very active in her community, Kitty Cox was especially proud of her work in the Democratic Party; in 1998, she received the Grassroots award from the Democratic Party in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Kitty Cox served on the Smyth County Board of Supervisors from 1995 to 1996 and undertook her responsibilities as supervisor with great dedication and integrity; and

WHEREAS, involved with numerous boards and organizations, Kitty Cox was particularly devoted to the Madam Russell Memorial United Methodist Church, the Cancer Research Foundation, and the Museum of the Middle Appalachians, which she served as president; and

WHEREAS, a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Kitty Cox will be fondly remembered for her many outstanding contributions to her community and Smyth County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Catherine M. Cox; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Catherine M. Cox as an expression of the respect in which her memory is held by the Senate of Virginia.