

2008 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 256

Celebrating the life of Dr. Isabel Wood Rogers.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2008
Agreed to by the Senate, January 31, 2008

WHEREAS, Dr. Isabel Wood Rogers, an admired professor emeritus at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, died on March 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, born in 1924, Isabel Wood Rogers grew up and went to high school in Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Isabel Rogers received an undergraduate degree from Florida State University, a master of arts degree from the University of Virginia, a masters of Christian education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and a doctoral degree in ethics from Duke University; she was awarded honorary degrees from Austin College, Westminster College, and Centre College; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as Dr. Izzie by her students and colleagues, Isabel Rogers taught applied Christianity at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (PSCE) from 1961 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, before joining PSCE, Isabel Rogers served as campus minister and chaplain, as director of campus religious activities at Georgia College and State University from 1949 to 1952, and was honored by the university in 2000 for her many contributions; and

WHEREAS, an effective communicator and a unifying leader, Isabel Rogers was elected to the high position of moderator of the 199th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in 1987, especially significant because her election came just four years after the national reunion that ended more than a century of schism within the Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Isabel Rogers was the author of five educational books for Presbyterians entitled *Christian and World Affairs*, *In Response to God*, *Our Shared Earth*, *In a Word*, and *Sing a New Song*; and

WHEREAS, a great advocate for young people, Isabel Rogers was dedicated to helping her students "to raise questions, to think for themselves, and to forge their own faith"; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational religious leader and teacher, Isabel Rogers will be fondly remembered for her kind and generous nature and will be greatly missed by her sister Elizabeth Green McCord, her two nephews Rogers and Dykes Green, and her numerous friends, admirers, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding educator and fine Virginian, Dr. Isabel Wood Rogers; 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 Dr. Isabel Wood Rogers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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