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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 163

Offered February 5, 2008

*Celebrating the life of Norma Bornarth.*

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WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth, a respected citizen and outstanding educator for the Loudoun County Public Schools for 31 years, died on August 3, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth was born on September 10, 1934, in Sioux City, Iowa, and moved with her husband to Loudoun County in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth served the Loudoun County Public Schools as a second grade teacher at Sterling Elementary School; a seventh grade language arts/social studies teacher at Sterling Middle School; and an English, English as a second language, reading, and special education teacher at Broad Run High School; and

WHEREAS, while at Broad Run High School, Norma Bornarth was the co-sponsor of the senior class, sponsor of the literary and art magazine *Unbound*, coordinator of the Superior Learner Program, sponsor of the Multi-Cultural Club, and chairperson of the Teacher Mentor Program; and

WHEREAS, during her distinguished career in education, Norma Bornarth was a delegate, as well as a presenter, at many Virginia state conferences for teachers of English, district and state gifted programs, the State Reading Association, and the Southern Interscholastic Press Association; and

WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth served as a judge for the Virginia Lee-Jackson Essay Contest and the Northern Virginia Community College Writing Contest and was a co-author of *Artistry of Teaching*, a Loudoun County teacher training manual; and

WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth was also an instructor for the English department at the University of Illinois, and she taught English, English as a second language, and speed reading at Northern Virginia Community College; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Norma Bornarth received numerous awards and accolades for her many achievements as an educator and was elected to *Who's Who Among American Teachers*; and

WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth served as the chair of the Loudoun County Community Services Board, as a member of the Loudoun County Task Force on Affordable Housing, as fundraising chair for the 4-H Riding for the Handicapped and the Special Olympics of Loudoun County, and as convention chair for the Virginia Association of Retarded Citizens' annual conference; and

WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth also worked tirelessly for 47 years as an advocate for the mentally retarded, mentally ill, and disabled citizens of Loudoun County and was a co-founder of the Loudoun Association of Retarded Citizens (LARC), LARC School, LARC Summer Camp, Youth LARC, and the prevocational unit of Every Citizen Has Opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her advocacy work, Norma Bornarth served as a member of the board of the Broad Run Farms Civic Association and was one of the originators of the Blue Ridge Alliance for the Performing Arts, now the Sterling Playmakers; and

WHEREAS, Norma Bornarth will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 52 years, Robert Bornarth; her three sons Bruce, Dan, and Craig Bornarth and her daughter Stacey Bornarth Collins and their wonderful families, especially her nine grandchildren; her numerous other loving family members and friends; and her students and fellow teachers; 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, Norma Bornarth; and, be it

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

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