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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 347

Offered February 25, 2010

Celebrating the life of Jeanice Elaine McMillan.

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WHEREAS, Jeanice Elaine McMillan, age 42, of Springfield, a respected citizen, a cherished mother, daughter, sister, and friend, and a valued employee and coworker, died on June 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Buffalo, New York, Jeanice Elaine McMillan was born on October 5, 1966, and moved to Washington, D.C., over ten years ago to make a better living and provide for herself and her beloved son, Jordan Marquel McMillan; and

WHEREAS, a caring and hard-working single mother, Jeanice McMillan dreamed of one day being able to send Jordan to college, so he would have the opportunity to have a rewarding career and a good life; and

WHEREAS, Jeanice McMillan worked for nine years as a postal worker for the United States Postal Service in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, when her son was nearing graduation from high school, Jeanice McMillan decided to make a career move, and in 2007, she joined the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), known as the Metro, as a bus driver for Metrobus, which is part of WMATA; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and conscientious employee, Jeanice McMillan began working for WMATA's Metrorail as a train operator in 2008, shortly after her son enrolled as a freshman at Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, Jeanice McMillan took great pride in being a member of the Metrorail family and loved her job, especially interaction with her passengers, who recall "she always had a kind word and a smile for everyone"; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2009, during afternoon rush hour in Northeast Washington, D.C., Jeanice McMillan was operating a Metro subway train when the train collided with another on the Metro Red Line, tragically killing her and eight passengers; and

WHEREAS, it is firmly believed that Jeanice McMillan may have tried to prevent her train from colliding with a stopped train in front of her by engaging the manual emergency brake, possibly saving the lives of many people on board; and

WHEREAS, a happy, confident, and vibrant woman who was always a pleasure to be around, Jeanice McMillan will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her son Jordan McMillan; her loving parents, Gerald and Betty J. McMillan; her brothers, Gerald II and Vernard McMillan, and sister, Nicola McMillan; her four nephews and three nieces; and a host of other loving relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Jeanice Elaine McMillan; 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 Jeanice Elaine McMillan as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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