

2011 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 337

Celebrating the life of Mattrude Person Sharpe.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2011
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 28, 2011

WHEREAS, Mattrude Person Sharpe, a beloved educator and respected citizen of Portsmouth, died on September 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Branchville, Mattrude Sharpe was born on January 27, 1934, to loving parents Ruffin and Gertrude Person and as a young girl worshipped at Rising Star Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a bright and hardworking student, Mattrude Sharpe graduated from Southampton County Training School and received a bachelor's degree from Virginia State College (now University); and

WHEREAS, Mattrude Sharpe married the love of her life, Leroy Sharpe, Sr.; they enjoyed 52 years of marriage before his passing and raised three wonderful children upon whom they impressed the values of faith, education, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, a devoted educator, Mattrude Sharpe taught for several years in the Southampton County public school system, where she was admired for her enthusiastic approach to teaching and commitment to her students; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Portsmouth, Mattrude Sharpe became an active member of New First Baptist Church of Taylorsville and continued to educate others as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher; and

WHEREAS, blessed with a fine voice, Mattrude Sharpe was a key member of the Senior and Combined Choirs and also served as a member of the Willing Pulpiteers, Open Door Club, and Noon Day Prayer Group; and

WHEREAS, an active woman who enjoyed the company of many friends, Mattrude Sharpe participated in several local senior citizen groups and participated in their many outings; and

WHEREAS, a kind and cheerful woman, Mattrude Sharpe will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her loving children, Alveta, Leroy, and Michelle, and their wonderful families; and her numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a beloved educator and respected citizen of the Commonwealth, Mattrude Person Sharpe; and, be it

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

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