

2011 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 406

Celebrating the life of Barbara Ann Simpson LeSeur.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 3, 2011
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2011

WHEREAS, Barbara Ann Simpson LeSeur, a committed educator and native of Hampton, died on January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Barbara LeSeur was born on May 22, 1938, to William Dell and Agnes Lucretia Sturdivant Simpson; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from George P. Phenix High School, Barbara LeSeur received her bachelor's degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and her master's degree from Hampton University; and

WHEREAS, honored as teacher of the year and respected as a passionate educator, Barbara LeSeur taught English for 33 years with the Hampton City Public Schools before retiring; and

WHEREAS, holding the firm belief that learning is a lifelong process, after her retirement Barbara LeSeur continued to impart knowledge to eager students at Hampton University as an English and reading teacher in the Enhanced Learning, Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and Continuing Education programs; as an adjunct professor in the English Department; and as college supervisor for student teachers; and

WHEREAS, Barbara LeSeur was committed to professionalism in teaching; she served on the Executive Board of the Hampton Education Association and represented the Hampton City Public Schools as a convention delegate to the Virginia Education Association and National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, a charismatic member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Barbara LeSeur lent her talents as a member of the Chancel Choir and served as the area director of the Nora B. Taylor Women's Missionary Society and president and Life Member of the Virginia Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society; and

WHEREAS, Barbara LeSeur offered her abundant energies to the Hampton community as a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she held leadership positions in the Hampton Alumnae Chapter; as the two-term president of the Hampton Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and as a lifetime member of the Education Committee of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her son, George, Barbara LeSeur will be fondly remembered by her children, Michael and Barbara; her 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson, Ihsan; and the many other family members, friends, and neighbors who knew her; 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 committed educator, Barbara Ann Simpson LeSeur; and, be it

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

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