SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 458

Celebrating the life of Andra Kern Foss.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 17, 2011 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2011

WHEREAS, Andra Kern Foss, a beloved educator and cofounder of Fredericksburg Christian Schools, died on August 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a native of New Jersey, Andra "Andy" Foss and her husband, Gary, spent several years teaching before moving to Fredericksburg in 1966 with Youth for Christ International to direct a home for boys; and

WHEREAS, Andy Foss then spent several years working for Fredericksburg area public schools as a school psychologist before she and her husband accepted a challenge from local Christian churches and established Fredericksburg Christian Schools in 1979 with 30 students and four teachers; and

WHEREAS, a skilled administrator and creative teacher, Andy Foss cared deeply about her students and encouraged them to excel in their studies and grow in their faith; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Fredericksburg Christian Schools, under Andy Foss' inspired leadership, continued to develop and meet the needs of local Christian families who desired a rigorous academic program that incorporated Christian teachings for their children; and

WHEREAS, a gracious and compassionate woman, Andy Foss formed excellent relationships with many other local churches and Christian organizations and ministered to countless children and parents; and

WHEREAS, Andy Foss was recognized for her contributions to youth and families in the Fredericksburg area with awards from local business organizations; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and life-changing faith that sustained her through a life of challenges, Andy Foss was a member of Spotswood Baptist Church, where she was actively involved in the church's many missions in the community and enjoyed fellowship and study with other members; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother who was predeceased by her son, Kenneth, Andy Foss leaves her husband, Gary; son, Eric, and his family; and her many friends, students, and admirers with a wealth of cherished memories; 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, Andra Kern Foss; and, be it

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