SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 467

Celebrating the life of Ann Richardson Yankovich.

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

WHEREAS, Ann Richardson Yankovich, a retired nurse and child advocate from Williamsburg, died on May 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a Richmond native, Ann Richardson and her future husband, James Michael Yankovich, were sweethearts at John Marshall High School; and

WHEREAS, Ann Yankovich received the A.D. Williams Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement from the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing, where she earned her degree in 1957; and

WHEREAS, as a young nurse in Richmond and Charlottesville area hospitals and public health departments, Ann Yankovich began a career in health care that was dedicated to serving others; and

WHEREAS, Ann Yankovich endeavored to instill the values of professional, compassionate care as a nursing instructor at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan, and as a longtime instructor for the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, from 1974 until her retirement in 1990, Ann Yankovich served as the coordinator of Health Services for the Williamsburg-James City County Schools where she coordinated a multidisciplinary team to report and combat child abuse; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Virginia Department of Social Services recognized the innovative and effective approach developed by Ann Yankovich by bestowing upon her the prestigious Outstanding Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Ann Yankovich served as president, founder, and volunteer with the Olde Towne Medical Center, which she helped to establish in 1993; she also served as a member and chair of the James City County Social Services Board and as a member of the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation and Williamsburg Landing; and

WHEREAS, Ann Yankovich was a decades-long member of and served one term as president of the Virginia Board of Nursing from 1991-1995; and

WHEREAS, Ann Yankovich will be fondly remembered by Jim, her husband of 53 years, her children and grandchildren, and the many community members and medical professionals her life influenced; 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 Ann Richardson Yankovich; and, be it

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