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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Offered February 26, 2011

Celebrating the life of Connie Amos Thurston.

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6 WHEREAS, Connie Amos Thurston, an admired health and physical education teacher and respected
7 resident of Salem, died on January 2, 2011; and
8 WHEREAS, a dedicated health and physical education teacher, Connie Thurston devoted her energies
9 to generations of students in the Salem City Schools and Roanoke County Public Schools; and
10 WHEREAS, for 31 years, Connie Thurston encouraged students to pursue active, healthy lifestyles
11 and to incorporate fitness into their daily lives; she also served as a volleyball coach at Andrew Lewis
12 Middle School; and
13 WHEREAS, over the course of three decades, Connie Thurston shared her enthusiasm for being in
14 motion and taught countless young people to adopt healthy life practices; and
15 WHEREAS, committed to the values of educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding,
16 Connie Thurston was a proud member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization for
17 women educators; and
18 WHEREAS, Connie Thurston was an active and contributing member of the West End Presbyterian
19 Church in Roanoke, where she sang in the choir; and
20 WHEREAS, a lover of the Virginia wilderness, Connie Thurston spent many weekends and vacations
21 camping and traveling; and
22 WHEREAS, Connie Thurston will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by David, her husband
23 of 44 years; children, Daryl and Jessica, and her many other family members; and the numerous
24 students whose lives she helped shape; now, therefore, be it
25 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Connie Amos
26 Thurston, an admired educator and respected citizen; and, be it
27 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for
28 presentation to the family of Connie Amos Thurston as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect
29 for her memory.