## **2011 SESSION**

## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36**

Celebrating the life of Connie Amos Thurston.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 26, 2011

WHEREAS, Connie Amos Thurston, an admired health and physical education teacher and respected resident of Salem, died on January 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated health and physical education teacher, Connie Thurston devoted her energies to generations of students in the Salem City Schools and Roanoke County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, for 31 years, Connie Thurston encouraged students to pursue active, healthy lifestyles and to incorporate fitness into their daily lives; she also served as a volleyball coach at Andrew Lewis Middle School; and

WHEREAS, over the course of three decades, Connie Thurston shared her enthusiasm for being in motion and taught countless young people to adopt healthy life practices; and

WHEREAS, committed to the values of educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding, Connie Thurston was a proud member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization for women educators; and

WHEREAS, Connie Thurston was an active and contributing member of the West End Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, where she sang in the choir; and

WHEREAS, a lover of the Virginia wilderness, Connie Thurston spent many weekends and vacations camping and traveling; and

WHEREAS, Connie Thurston will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by David, her husband of 44 years; children, Daryl and Jessica, and her many other family members; and the numerous students whose lives she helped shape; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Connie Amos Thurston, an admired educator and respected citizen; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Connie Amos Thurston as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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