## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 266**

Celebrating the life of Kathleen Lyons Hester.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2012 Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2012

WHEREAS, Kathleen Lyons Hester of Fries, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, whose professional career included shipbuilding, teaching, and nursing, died on January 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Kathleen Hester was one of thousands of women who went to work in support of the war effort; she was a shipyard worker, painting and refurbishing ships for Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, in the years following the war, Kathleen Hester taught Sunday school and was a private kindergarten teacher for eight years; later she became a nurse, deriving great satisfaction from helping others; and

WHEREAS, during her nursing career, Kathleen Hester worked at Twin County Regional Healthcare in Galax where she found fulfillment in providing attentive and sympathetic medical care to hospital patients; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Hester, predeceased by her husband, Carl, will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her daughter, Jane, her sons, Rocky and Joe, and their families; and many other devoted family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a devoted wife, mother, teacher, and nurse, Kathleen Lyons Hester; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Kathleen Lyons Hester as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.