

2012 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 345

Celebrating the life of Sylvia Jennings Henderson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2012
Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2012

WHEREAS, Sylvia Jennings Henderson of Charlottesville, a teacher, principal, and advocate for children's education, died on January 21, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Henderson, who was born in Norfolk and raised in South Boston, Virginia, graduated from Halifax County High School, and after earning a bachelor's degree from Longwood College, taught school in Danville; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a master's degree in school administration from the University of Virginia, Sylvia Henderson and her family moved to Charlottesville, where she embarked on a 32-year career with the Albemarle County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Henderson guided several generations of young children during her tenure with the Albemarle County school system; during her three decades of service, she served as principal of Woodbrook Elementary School, Agnor-Hurt Elementary School, and Meriwether Lewis Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, after she retired in 2008, Sylvia Henderson continued to make the children of the Commonwealth a priority; she was active in the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals and recently was the organization's state president; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Henderson served as a mentor at the University of Virginia to students who were preparing to teach or to become school administrators; she also was involved with state and national educational causes, and locally she was active in preschool educational projects; and

WHEREAS, those remaining to cherish the memory of Sylvia Henderson are her devoted husband, Glenwood; her son, David, and his family; and many other 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 respected citizen and esteemed educator, Sylvia Jennings Henderson; 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 Sylvia Jennings Henderson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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