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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Offered March 9, 2012

Celebrating the life of Amarria Denise Johnson.

Patron—McEachin

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Amarria Denise Johnson of Chesterfield, a seven-year-old first-grader at Hopkins Elementary School, died on January 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson had multiple food allergies, including a peanut allergy; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson loved to tell jokes, loved to laugh, and told great fantasy stories; she was an excellent writer and was the recipient of numerous reading and good citizenship awards in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson's report card reflected her dedication to her studies, as she made the honor roll multiple times; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson was devoted to learning, loving school from an early age; she loved music and created her own songs as she rode in the car or helped in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson loved animals and had a nurturing spirit; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson is and was always highly regarded by all who had the pleasure of meeting her, from teachers to classmates to friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson loved her family passionately, saw the good in everyone, and hoped to change the world and become a teacher; she was extremely honest, patient, and kind, and her resilience was unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson, in her own words, "loved the world"; and

WHEREAS, Amarria Johnson tragically suffered an anaphylactic reaction at Hopkins Elementary School on January 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, nearly six million children in the United States have food allergies; food-allergic reactions can range from mild to severe, including anaphylaxis, a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1107, which requires schools to maintain non-student-specific epinephrine, will protect the students of the Commonwealth of Virginia by ensuring that access to lifesaving medication is available to any student who is experiencing an anaphylactic emergency; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1107 will always be known as Amarria's Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Amarria Denise Johnson; and, be it

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

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