SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 436

Celebrating the life of Melvin S. Harmon, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2013 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2013

WHEREAS, Melvin S. Harmon, Jr., a dedicated music teacher and an active member of the Winchester community, died on February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of the City of Winchester, Melvin "Jim" Harmon earned a bachelor's degree from Shenandoah College and Conservatory and a master's degree from The George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Jim Harmon began a long, fulfilling career in public education in the Tidewater area; he later served as the choral director at John Handley High School in the City of Winchester and as the music supervisor for Loudoun County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, a passionate and inspirational teacher, Jim Harmon passed his love of music on to countless young people throughout the Commonwealth; his legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of his students; and

WHEREAS, serving on the Frederick County School Board, Jim Harmon was a steadfast advocate for the youth of the county and worked to ensure that they received the highest quality education; and

WHEREAS, a tireless volunteer who cared deeply for his fellow Winchester residents, Jim Harmon worked to strengthen educational institutions and promote the arts as a member of many music-related boards and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jim Harmon enjoyed faith and fellowship with the community as a 26-year member of Winchester First United Methodist Church, where he served as the choir director and as a member of several committees; and

WHEREAS, Jim Harmon is greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Melody; son, Matthew, and his family; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Melvin S. Harmon, Jr., a devoted educator in the City of Winchester; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Melvin S. Harmon, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.