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2 3 Commending Rose Rush.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Offered February 15, 2013

Patron—Puckett

WHEREAS, Rose Rush of Clintwood in Dickenson County celebrated her 108th birthday on February 7, 2013, in the company of family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rose Rush, who lives in the house her father built and in which she was born in 1905, graduated from Honaker High School and attended college before embarking on a career in education; and

WHEREAS, a gifted educator, Rose Rush taught a variety of grade levels at schools throughout the state, including in Martinsville, Hanover County, and Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Rose Rush positively influenced countless students over the course of her outstanding career and continued to serve as a substitute teacher for 10 years after her retirement at age 65; and

WHEREAS, after her father passed away, Rose Rush relocated to her hometown of Clintwood to care for her mother; and

WHEREAS, possessed of remarkable stamina and energy, Rose Rush drove until she was 107 and continues to live on her own and do her own cooking; and

WHEREAS, Rose Rush has a vivid memory and has frequently identified individuals in old photographs for the local historical society; and

WHEREAS, Rose Rush has seen many changes in the world over the past 108 years and continues to serve as a source of inspiration to her family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Rose Rush hereby be commended on the occasion of her 108th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rose Rush as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's congratulations and admiration for her long and well-lived life.