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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 436

Offered March 3, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Paul Russell.*

Patrons—Surovell, Krupicka and Sickles; Senators: Ebbin and Puller

WHEREAS, Paul Russell, a devoted and innovative educator who touched countless lives throughout his career, died on February 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, serving as an English and creative writing teacher at Groveton High School and West Potomac High School, Paul Russell imparted his wisdom to thousands of students over a decades-long career; and

WHEREAS, remembered for his easygoing nature and creative teaching methods, Paul Russell inspired countless future writers and fostered creativity and encouraged intellectual freedom among all his students; and

WHEREAS, Paul Russell inspired his students to achieve excellence in all things, ensuring that they were prepared for the challenges of life, in addition to higher education and careers; and

WHEREAS, after a distinguished 44-year career in education, Paul Russell retired in 2013; many former students from decades ago still remember him as their favorite teacher; and

WHEREAS, Paul Russell was honored with West Potomac High School's Outstanding Faculty Award, which he graciously accepted on behalf of his fellow educators at the school; and

WHEREAS, Paul Russell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many family members, friends, and former students; 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 Paul Russell, an admired educator who served the community for more than four decades; 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 Paul Russell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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