2014 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 110

Celebrating the life of Kathryn Brown Bibbins.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 23, 2014 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2014

WHEREAS, Kathryn Brown Bibbins, a longtime educator and respected member of the Norfolk community, died on January 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, born on August 3, 1907, Kathryn Bibbins was a native of Norfolk; she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and received her bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute (now University) in 1928; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming an educator, Kathryn Bibbins began her career as an English teacher at Booker T. Washington Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Brown wed C. Arnett Bibbins in 1936, during a time when married women could not teach in the Norfolk Public School System; she stepped away from her position until the law changed in 1946; and

WHEREAS, upon her return to educating the youth of Norfolk, Kathryn Bibbins joined J. C. Price Elementary School, where she taught fifth grade for five years before being promoted to principal; she then became a teaching principal at Robert E. Lee Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Kathryn Bibbins joined the newly constructed Lindenwood Elementary School as principal, a position she faithfully executed until her retirement in 1970; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator, Kathryn Bibbins helped countless students become responsible, informed citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Arnett, Kathryn Bibbins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughter, Kathryn, and her family; and numerous 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 a dedicated educator and beloved friend in the Norfolk community, Kathryn Brown Bibbins; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Kathryn Brown Bibbins as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.