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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 154

Offered February 20, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Carrie Monroe Roarty.*

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WHEREAS, Carrie Monroe Roarty, beloved Chesterfield County teacher, was born into eternal life on January 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Monroe Roarty earned her undergraduate degree in exercise science at Radford University and her teaching certificate at Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Monroe Roarty was a member of the coaching staff of the 2002 field hockey state championship team and the beloved girls' junior varsity field hockey and softball coach at James River High School, where she taught health and physical education for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, affectionately called "Mama Roar" by her field hockey team, whom she referred to as her "chickadees," Carrie Monroe Roarty founded the James River High School chapter of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Monroe Roarty lavished her students and teams with endearments such as "I love you," encouraged them to persevere through the vicissitudes of life, refused to complain about her troubles, and continued to flash her signature smile while facing her own serious health challenges; and

WHEREAS, students and colleagues, in an outpouring of love and support, staged a "Dancing with the Stars" pep rally and raised funds in her honor and donated leave-time in order that she might obtain medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Monroe Roarty, facing illness directly, diligently, positively, courageously, and with a perpetual smile, set an example for her family, students, and others experiencing similar struggles; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Carrie Monroe Roarty, members of the James River High School girls' junior varsity field hockey team wore "Mama Roar's" signature blue Crocs to her wake and expressed their love and gratitude in memorial signs on the school's field hockey fence; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Monroe Roarty was remembered and honored at a homegoing service on January 29, 2014, at The Cathedral of The Sacred Heart, where she was a long-time and active member; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Monroe Roarty will be sorely missed and her memory will be cherished by her loving husband, children, relatives, friends, and colleagues; 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 Carrie Monroe Roarty; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Carrie Monroe Roarty as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory and appreciation for her dedication to the James River High School community.

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