

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5178

Celebrating the life of Debra Michelle Thompson Edwards.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014

Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, Debra Michelle Thompson Edwards of Meadowview, a beloved daughter, sister, wife, and mother and a dedicated educator who touched countless young lives, died on August 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richlands, Michelle Edwards graduated from Grundy Senior High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Radford University; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Edwards answered her calling to become an educator and taught at Holston High School for 11 years; she also served members of the community through the Homebound Education Program and GED courses; and

WHEREAS, serving as the chair of the History Department and the coach of the cheerleading squad, Michelle Edwards was a respected leader who helped prepare students for higher education, careers, and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Edwards was a former member of Tookland Pentecostal Church in Grundy and enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Woodland Hills Christian Church in Abingdon; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Edwards will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Toby; children, Madeline and Mason; parents, Eddie and Mary; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Debra Michelle Thompson Edwards, a devoted educator and active member of the Meadowview community; 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 Debra Michelle Thompson Edwards as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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