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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5240

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Celebrating the life of Roberta Neal Coldiron Rickers.

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WHEREAS, Roberta Neal Coldiron Rickers of Kenbridge, a devoted educator and admired community leader, died on September 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lee County, Roberta Rickers was raised in Crewe and graduated from Crewe High School; she earned a bachelor's degree from Bluefield College and answered her calling to become an educator; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Rickers helped prepare students for higher education, careers, and responsible citizenship as a teacher at Victoria High School, Kenbridge Day School, and Kenston Forest School; and

WHEREAS, after taking time away from the classroom to raise her three children, Rosanna, Conrad, and Christian, Roberta Rickers served the community as librarian at Kenbridge Public Library, and under her able leadership the library grew significantly; she established a genealogy department, facilitated hundreds of children's programs, and founded the Lunenburg Literacy Program; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Rickers served the Commonwealth as an appointed member of the Board of Virginia Library and the Board of Correctional Education; she also served as the chair of the board of Southside Virginia Community College and a past president of the Lunenburg Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Rickers enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a longtime lay reader at Kenbridge United Methodist Church; she regularly filled in for ministers at area churches and taught Bible study classes at Lunenburg Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Rickers earned many awards and accolades for her generous volunteer work and leadership; she was recognized by the Virginia State Golf Association Hall of Fame and named Citizen of the Year multiple times by the Town of Kenbridge and Lunenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Rickers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Roberta Neal Coldiron Rickers, a respected educator and active member of the Kenbridge 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 Roberta Neal Coldiron Rickers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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