## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 551**

Celebrating the life of Renee Saunders Parr.

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

WHEREAS, Renee Saunders Parr of Mechanicsville, a devoted educator who worked to create new opportunities for all of her students, died on July 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Renee Parr graduated from Atlee High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Radford University; she answered her calling to become an educator and joined Mechanicsville Elementary School as a first-grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, throughout her seven-year career with Mechanicsville Elementary School, Renee Parr used her passion and enthusiasm to prepare students for lifelong learning and responsible citizenship; she shared the joy of dance with students as a coach and mentor for the Atlee High School cheerleading squad; and

WHEREAS, Renee Parr believed that all students should be given the support necessary to achieve their full potential, and she generously helped her students in any way she could; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Renee Parr's generosity and commitment, Renee's Cheerios—a charitable foundation that helps provide school supplies, lunches, clothing, and money for field trips to underprivileged Mechanicsville students—is named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Renee Parr will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Zach; her daughter, Avery; her parents, Raymond and LaVerne; and numerous other family members, friends, and former students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Renee Saunders Parr, a dedicated educator and beloved member of the Mechanicsville 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 Renee Saunders Parr as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.