

# 2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 512

*Celebrating the life of Elizabeth Daniels, DMD.*

Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Daniels, DMD, a retired dentist and devoted educator and school administrator in the City of Portsmouth, died on April 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Florida, Elizabeth Daniels earned a bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University; a master's degree from Howard University; a doctorate from the University of California, Riverside; and a dental degree from the University of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, through her private dentistry practice, Dr. Daniels cared for the health and well-being of her fellow Portsmouth residents for many years; she offered her wisdom and experience to a new generation of caregivers as a professor and administrator at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, as a high school and middle school teacher, Dr. Daniels worked hard to ensure that her students had the tools and the foundation to achieve greatness in higher education, careers, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Dr. Daniels became one of the first elected members of the Portsmouth School Board, where she was later elected vice chair; deeply respected among her professional peers, she was a member of numerous regional, state, and national professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels served as a member of the board of directors of the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) and as president of the association in 2006; she served on the steering committee of the Council of Urban Boards of Education; and

WHEREAS, a passionate advocate for equality and civil rights, Dr. Daniels was a catalyst for positive change as the president of the Portsmouth unit of the NAACP for more than 20 years; she strove to provide a voice for members of the community in need, particularly children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels worked to enhance the community by donating her time and wise leadership to many organizations, including the National Action Network and Church and Community in Action; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels received many awards and accolades for her contributions to the Commonwealth; she received the VSBA All Virginia School Board Member Award in 2005 and the VSBA Academy Award of Distinction, and she was named on the American Men and Women of Science list in 1969 and as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Jesse; daughter, Jennifer, and her family; and numerous other family members, friends, and former patients and students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Elizabeth Daniels, DMD, a retired dentist and dedicated educator and administrator in the City of Portsmouth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Elizabeth Daniels, DMD, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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