SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 359

Celebrating the life of Patricia Carolyn McWaters.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 2015 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2015

WHEREAS, Patricia Carolyn McWaters, a beloved member of the Virginia Beach community, died on August 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Paducah, Kentucky, Patricia "Patsy" McWaters was the youngest of three children, born to John Clifton and Lovie Julia Dowdy on March 7, 1928; and

WHEREAS, Patsy McWaters attended high school at St. Mary's Academy, followed by two years at Nazareth College, and graduated from Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, Patsy McWaters married her high school sweetheart, Joe McWaters, and for 65 years they shared the joys of life by each other's side, creating a large family as they had always wanted; and

WHEREAS, Patsy McWaters and her husband were blessed with four children and then two of their children's spouses: Brenda, Joe, Jr., Jeff and his wife, Cindy, and Tim and his wife, Lynne; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Patsy McWaters' blessings continued with the arrival of five grandchildren: Jason, Lisa, Megan, Hunter, and Taylor, followed by six great-grandchildren: Connor, Josh, Noah, Micah, Emma, and Joe Leon; and

WHEREAS, Patsy McWaters was a dedicated third-grade teacher for several years, and she spent many years in medical practice office management; and

WHEREAS, for 42 years Patsy McWaters dedicated her life to her passion for working with those suffering and recovering from drug and alcohol addiction; and

WHEREAS, Patsy McWaters' magnetic personality and compassionate demeanor made her a friend to everyone she met; and

WHEREAS, Patsy McWaters led a faithful life and was an active member of Star of the Sea Parish; and

WHEREAS, Patsy McWaters was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who dedicated herself to her family; she was happiest when surrounded by her family and friends; 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 Patricia Carolyn McWaters; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Patricia Carolyn McWaters, as an expression of the General Assembly's sympathy for her family and respect for her memory.