

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 464

Celebrating the life of Geraldine R. Johnson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2016

Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Geraldine R. Johnson of Richmond, an innovative, longtime educator who helped countless students achieve success in and out of the classroom, died on September 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Geraldine "Geri" R. Johnson graduated from Armstrong High School and Virginia Union University; she began her career as a teacher at Janie Porter Barrett School for Girls in Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, Geri Johnson then worked at a prep school in Manassas until 1962 when she accepted a position at Fairfield Court Elementary School; she earned the respect of her peers and students for her professionalism and passion for the importance of a good education; and

WHEREAS, during her long and fulfilling career as a teacher, Geri Johnson went above and beyond to provide her students with the highest quality learning materials, and she worked to ensure that students in need received support and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Geri Johnson created a public safety patrol program for students, worked with Armstrong-Kennedy High School to establish the Fairfield Court Elementary School Junior ROTC Drill Corps, and facilitated student trips to Camp Hanover; and

WHEREAS, as the intervention teacher for fifth-grade students who had been held back, Geri Johnson helped students understand complex concepts through experiments and other hands-on learning methods; she was named the 1987 Intervention Teacher of the Year by Richmond Public Schools, after her class finished the year scoring in the 90th percentile on standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, Geri Johnson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughters, Valerie and Tanya, and numerous other family members, friends, and former students; 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 Geraldine R. Johnson, a devoted educator in Richmond; 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 Geraldine R. Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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