## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 246**

Celebrating the life of Kathleen Ellen Robinson Taylor.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2016

WHEREAS, Kathleen Ellen Robinson Taylor of Russell County, a proud veteran of the United States military, retired teacher who was dedicated to ensuring that future generations knew of the area's storied past, woman of great faith, and devoted wife and mother, died on July 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Taylor spent her childhood on the family's farm in the Pine Creek area of Russell County; she attended Honaker High School and graduated from Lincoln Memorial University and Emory & Henry College; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Kathleen Taylor was one of the thousands of young women of her generation who joined the United States Navy WAVES; after the war, she embarked on a 34-year career in education, and as a public school teacher dedicated herself to educating young people; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Taylor was passionately interested in preserving the area's history; she contributed her time and talents to several large projects, including *The Heritage of Russell County, Virginia, Volumes I* and *II* and *A Tribute to World War II Veterans of Russell County, Virginia*, and her own book, *They Say*; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great faith, Kathleen Taylor enjoyed fellowship and worship at Honaker First United Methodist Church, where she was an active member and served on many committees; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Taylor, who was predeceased by her husband, Aubrey, will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her children, Harry and Teresa, and their families, and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Kathleen Ellen Robinson Taylor of Russell County, a proud veteran of the United States Navy, retired teacher, woman of great faith, passionate preserver of Russell County's storied past, and devoted wife and mother; 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 Kathleen Ellen Robinson Taylor as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.