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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 843

Offered January 27, 2017

*Celebrating the life of Roberta Lee Tyner Naranjo.*

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WHEREAS, Roberta Lee Tyner Naranjo, a longtime member of the Southampton County School Board and vocal advocate for the arts and public schools, died on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Roberta "Bobbie" Lee Tyner Naranjo was born in Kansas City, Missouri, to the late John and Olive Mary Tyner; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Bobbie Naranjo moved to Boykins, where she managed her husband's family medical practice for the next 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Naranjo was elected to represent Boykins on the Southampton County School Board and, for more than 40 years, she served in various capacities, including vice chair, and was instrumental in getting three new schools built; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Naranjo was an advocate of postsecondary education and of Paul D. Camp Community College; she contributed to the development of a nursing partnership between Southampton Memorial Hospital and Southampton County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, during her service on the Southampton County School Board, Bobbie Naranjo was devoted to expanding the cultural horizons of students, teachers, and area residents, working with partners such as the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Naranjo was a tireless proponent of the arts, especially the Walter Cecil Rawls Library and Rawls Museum Arts, and she received many awards over the years honoring her dedication to cultural education; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Naranjo was a respected role model for young people who want to make a difference in their community; she was outspoken, dedicated, and relentless in standing up for what she believed in, and she made a lasting difference in the lives of many Southampton citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Naranjo loved reading and was passionate about music, art, literature, and culture; she enjoyed attending dramatic theater, ballet, and live musical performances, and she played the accordion, concertina, and piano; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Naranjo was a devoted member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Franklin, where she served in various capacities, including lay minister, catechism instructor, and parish council member; and

WHEREAS, sustained by her faith, Bobbie Naranjo believed in selflessly serving her community and was committed to social justice and equality in education and medical services; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Naranjo will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 61 years, Jorge; her children, Leslie, Valery, Celia, and Gregory, and their families; and many other relatives and friends; 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 Roberta Lee Tyner Naranjo, a longtime member of the Southampton County School Board and vocal advocate for the arts and public schools; 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 Roberta Lee Tyner Naranjo as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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