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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 414

Offered February 16, 2017

*Celebrating the life of Sarah Jacqueline Mullins Gilliam.*Patron—Pillion

WHEREAS, Sarah Jacqueline Mullins Gilliam, a former Mayor of Pound, Virginia, and longtime educator, died on December 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wise County, Sarah Jacqueline "Jackie" Mullins Gilliam was the daughter of the late William and Mabel Mullins, and stepdaughter of the late Leonard Thomas Palmer; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Gilliam graduated from Christopher Gist High School in 1948, and the State Teachers College at Radford (now Radford University) in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Gilliam began her teaching career in Dickenson County, and later, while teaching at Harrowgate Elementary School in Chesterfield County, she returned to college and earned her bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Gilliam retired from Wise County Public Schools in 1995, after 37 and a half years of teaching and enriching the lives of thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Gilliam's next career was as a public servant, serving on the Pound Town Council from 1994 to 2000, and as Mayor of Pound from 2002 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as mayor, Jackie Gilliam oversaw the development and construction of a children's park, and played an instrumental role in revitalizing the town; in 2005, she was honored as Wise County Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Gilliam worked tirelessly as coordinator of the Pound Food Bank, was an active member of the Red Hatters "Red Ramblers," and was a major fundraiser for Relay For Life; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Gilliam served on the Board of Directors of the Mountain Empire Older Citizens, often participating in their annual Walkathon; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Gilliam was the director of Pickin' in the Pound, a bluegrass music venue that is an affiliated partner of The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, of which she served on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Pound United Methodist Church, Jackie Gilliam loved her family dearly and enjoyed spending as much time as she could with them, especially her 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, John, sister, Phyllis, and a daughter, Martha, Jackie Gilliam will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Robbie, Mary, Bill, and Tommy, and their families, and many other relatives and good friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sarah Jacqueline Mullins Gilliam, a former Mayor of Pound and longtime Virginia educator; 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 Sarah Jacqueline Mullins Gilliam as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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