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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 364

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Celebrating the life of Wanda Bowyer Morehead.

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WHEREAS, Wanda Bowyer Morehead of McCoy, a respected leader in the field of emergency medicine, died on February 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Morehead graduated *cum laude* from James Madison University in 1993, earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry along with a minor in biology; she also attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for graduate studies in chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Morehead was employed by the United States Postal Service in McCoy as a postmaster leave replacement, by the American Red Cross as a health and safety instructor, and by the Pulaski Community Hospital as a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructor; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Morehead was also employed by Hubbell Lighting as its plant nurse and administered several OSHA programs, also serving on the Safety Committee and performing safety inspections and general first aid; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Wanda Morehead joined the Longshop McCoy Volunteer Fire and First Aid Crew, where she served in many of the offices in the crew, including treasurer and training officer and as the first female captain of the crew; she was also the first member of the crew to achieve the status of paramedic; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Morehead became a part of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS), serving as the District 7 vice president and at the state level as chair of the Finance Committee, Membership Committee, and Personnel Committee; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Morehead also served the VAVRS as treasurer and secretary and was elected vice president from 1997 to 1999; she was elected as the first female president of the VAVRS and served in that office from 1999 to 2001, and she was awarded life membership in the VAVRS by a vote of her peers in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Morehead was a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross, a Basic Trauma Life Support Instructor, and a Nationally Registered Paramedic; she also received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the local Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Morehead worked with the Boy Scouts of America as a CPR and first aid instructor, and she taught courses for the first aid and emergency preparedness merit badges; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Lloyd, Wanda Morehead will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her son, Keith, and numerous other family members 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 Wanda Bowyer Morehead, a dedicated servant to the McCoy community and a leader in the field of emergency medical services; 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 Wanda Bowyer Morehead as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her contributions to the Commonwealth and her memory.

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