

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

Celebrating the life of Catherine deSales Corbett Jennings.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018

WHEREAS, Catherine deSales Corbett Jennings of Midlothian, a veteran of World War II and an active member of the community, died on October 19, 2017, at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, born in 1917 in Brooklyn, New York, Catherine Jennings was the daughter of the late John Francis and Margarette Petersen Corbett; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Jennings joined many of the other members of her generation in service to the nation during World War II, proudly serving as one of the first United States Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service); and

WHEREAS, Catherine Jennings was assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C., and then assigned to the USS *New Jersey*, becoming one of the first women assigned to a battleship; she finished her Navy career at the Third Naval District Office in New York City; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Catherine Jennings and her husband, a fellow member of the United States Navy, relocated to Norfolk, where they lived for more than 50 years; she worked as a kindergarten teacher, sold Avon products, and delivered nutritious food to seniors with Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Catherine Jennings' greatest joy in life was her family, and she was affectionately known by her beloved grandchildren as "Grammy"; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Emmett, Catherine Jennings will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her sons, Emmett, Charles, Mark, and David, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Catherine deSales Corbett Jennings; 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 Catherine deSales Corbett Jennings as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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