

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

*Celebrating the life of Connie Marie Felt Cowardin.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2018

WHEREAS, Connie Marie Felt Cowardin, an accomplished educator and school administrator who mentored and inspired countless students in Hampton Roads, died on October 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Illinois, Connie Cowardin attended Rochelle Township High School, then came to the Commonwealth to earn a bachelor's degree from Christopher Newport University and a master's degree from The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin broke barriers as the first female ticket agent for Frontier Airlines in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then began her career in education in the 1970s as a kindergarten teacher; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin taught middle school in Newport News Public Schools before becoming assistant principal of Magruder Elementary School in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Connie Cowardin was named as the first laywoman principal of Peninsula Catholic High School; she served the school for many years and led the campaign that resulted in the school's expansion to a new facility on Harpersville Road, where enrollment doubled; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin later served as principal of Trinity Lutheran School and taught fourth-grade classes and was appointed academic dean at Saint Andrew's Episcopal School; she finished her career as an educational adviser and a board member of the Peninsula School for Autism; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, William; her children, Kerstin and Derek, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and former students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Connie Marie Felt Cowardin, a lifelong educator who made many contributions to the Hampton Roads community; 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 Connie Marie Felt Cowardin as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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