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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 117

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Celebrating the life of Gayle P. Emerson.

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WHEREAS, Gayle P. Emerson, a passionate educator, vibrant member of the Luray community, and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, died on August 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Gayle Emerson moved to The Plains with her family at a young age when her father became rector of the Episcopal Church's Whittle Parish, which included The Plains, Marshall and Delaplane, and she later graduated from Marshall High School; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Emerson furthered her education at Mary Washington College, then married her husband, Keith, in 1953 and settled in Luray, where they raised their family; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Emerson followed in her mother's footsteps as an educator and inspired young students as an elementary school teacher; she remained active in school-related organizations and events after the birth of her own children; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Emerson worked to enhance community life with the Women's Auxiliary of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post and as a charter member of the Town and Country Supper Club, and she was a longtime volunteer at the Page Memorial Hospital gift shop and Page One gift shop; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Emerson was also a talented seamstress who made drapes, slipcovers, and clothing for family members and friends, and she and her husband became accomplished world travelers after his retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Emerson enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Luray United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Keith, Gayle Emerson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her sons, Lawrence and Philip, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gayle P. Emerson; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Gayle P. Emerson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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