

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 240

Commending Renee Gholz.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019

WHEREAS, Renee Gholz of Fairfax County, a consummate educator who instilled her passion for lifelong learning in children throughout the nation, celebrated her 102nd birthday on October 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1916, Renee Gholz was a witness to the seminal events of the 20th century, from the Great Depression and World War II to the moon landing and the dawn of the Internet; and

WHEREAS, Renee Gholz met her husband, Charles, while she was a student at Winona State Teachers College, and the couple went on to pursue long and fulfilling careers in education, making a difference in the lives of countless young people; and

WHEREAS, Renee Gholz began her career as a teacher in Minnesota and subsequently worked in Arizona, Texas, Colorado, and New Orleans, often working with underprivileged and at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, while teaching in Austin, Texas, Renee Gholz led successful efforts to fully integrate the local chapter of the National Education Association, which at the time had no African American members despite the integration of local schools; and

WHEREAS, after decades of service to students, Renee Gholz settled in the Commonwealth and lives with her son, Chico, and his family in Lake Barcroft; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Renee Gholz hereby be commended for personal and professional achievements as an educator on the occasion of her 102nd birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Renee Gholz as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to communities throughout the United States.

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