

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1998 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 453

On the death of Katherine S. Philpott.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 13, 1998

Agreed to by the Senate, March 14, 1998

WHEREAS, Katherine S. Philpott of Bassett, widow of the late Speaker of the House of Delegates, A. L. Philpott, died on February 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lynchburg, Katherine Philpott graduated from Westhampton College and taught at Bassett High School and Fieldale Elementary School for several years; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Philpott was widely and fondly known as "Miss Kitty" by the countless people who were fortunate enough to experience her gracious hospitality; and

WHEREAS, as the wife of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Katherine Philpott was frequently called on to share her home with governors, former governors, legislators, friends, and neighbors, to all of whom she was unfailingly warm, witty, and welcoming; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Bassett Memorial United Methodist Church, Katherine Philpott gave generously of her time and energy to a variety of civic and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, living for most of her life in the long shadow cast by her prominent and powerful husband, Katherine Philpott relied on her native intelligence, keen sense of humor, and extraordinary grace to establish and maintain her own distinct personality; and

WHEREAS, blessed with a unique capacity for making people feel welcome and comfortable, Katherine Philpott will be remembered with great fondness and respect by the many individuals who were the focus of her attention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a wonderful lady and an outstanding representative of the Commonwealth, Katherine S. Philpott; 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 Katherine S. Philpott as an expression of the high esteem in which her memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Virginia.

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