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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 443

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On the death of Sallie Mason Clark.

Patrons—Reynolds; Delegates: Armstrong and Day

WHEREAS, Sallie Mason Clark, whose name became synonymous with beautification projects in the Martinsville area, died on October 3, 1998; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ridgeway, Sallie Clark attended Ridgeway public schools, Averett College, and the College of William and Mary and taught at Martinsville High School; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the early 1950s, Sallie Clark became involved with community improvement projects and quickly established her reputation for not only beginning various beautification projects but making sure they were finished; and

WHEREAS, the driving force behind the Gateway Streetscape Foundation in Martinsville, Sallie Clark was instrumental in beautifying the old Henry County Courthouse, the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad grounds, the Patrick Henry Community College, and the grounds of the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, at a time when environmentalism was virtually unknown, Sallie Clark led the crusade against litter through her active membership in the Clean Community Commission; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Clark's efforts and accomplishments won her awards and plaudits from many local organizations and from Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., for her work on Virginia's Bicentennial Spruce-up Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Clark was also deeply involved in such community organizations as the Averett College Associate Board of Trustees, the Friends of the President's House at the College of William and Mary, the Patrick Henry Community College Scholarship Foundation, and the fund-raising committee for the Blue Ridge Regional Library; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Mason Clark's most lasting and appropriate legacy is immediately obvious to any visitor to Martinsville, who would find it virtually impossible to walk around the city without encountering the beauty created and maintained by this devoted citizen; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of one of Martinsville's most valuable and beloved citizens, Sallie Mason Clark; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Sallie Mason Clark as an expression of the high regard in which her memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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