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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 767

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Celebrating the life of Josephine Compton Rife.

Patrons—Bowling; Senator: Puckett

WHEREAS, Josephine Compton Rife of Grundy, a respected citizen and outstanding educator in Buchanan County for 32 years, died on October 23, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Buchanan County, Josephine Compton Rife was the loving daughter of the late Hibbert L. and Effie Jane Clevinger Compton; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Compton Rife graduated from Pikeville College with a bachelor of science degree in education and received a master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Compton Rife was married to the late Jay Powell Rife, Sr., for 34 years, and the couple have two children, Janet and Jay Jr.; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of the teaching profession of Buchanan County for 32 years, Josephine Compton Rife retired as principal of J. M. Bevins Elementary School in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Compton Rife gave her time and numerous talents to many professional and civic organizations over the years, including as a member of the Levisa River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Grundy, Friends of the Library, and Buchanan County Retired Teachers Association and as president of Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Compton Rife was a faithful member of Grundy Baptist Church since 1938, where she was a member of the choir for 50 years and a teacher and secretary of the Sunday school for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Compton Rife will be fondly remembered as a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and will be greatly missed by her daughter, Janet Rife McGee, and husband Dr. Francis McGee; her son, Jay Powell Rife, Jr., and wife Janice; her three sisters and two brothers and other family; her five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and many friends and admirers in Grundy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine educator and outstanding Virginian, Josephine Compton Rife; 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 Josephine Compton Rife as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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