

2013 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 506

Commending Joyce Kistner.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 3, 2013

WHEREAS, Joyce Kistner of Bristol has enriched the lives of countless fellow residents with her civic involvement and community service; and

WHEREAS, a retired educator, Joyce Kistner taught fourth grade at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School for many years, creating a nurturing environment in which all of her students could thrive; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Kistner also advocated for strong schools to prepare Bristol students for their futures as a member of the Bristol Virginia Public Schools Board; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Kistner continues to influence young people as a member of and volunteer with the Bristol Historical Association, sharing Bristol's history with fourth grade students in Bristol, Virginia, and Bristol, Tennessee, public schools and two area private schools; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Kistner gives to each student she teaches a special bookmark she designed and created; the bookmark depicts scenes from Bristol's history and serves as a reminder to students of the information they learned; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Kistner also wrote and illustrated *Tracking Bristol VA.-Tenn. History*, a history book for young people that provides interesting facts and games to help them learn about their city's rich history; and

WHEREAS, a respected community leader, Joyce Kistner provides wise insight and guidance as a member of the Bristol Public Library board of trustees and served as chair of the Bristol Virginia Republican Committee for many years; and

WHEREAS, a talented artist, Joyce Kistner is actively involved in the arts community; an artisan with 'Round the Mountain, her work is featured at the Bristol Public Library Gallery; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Kistner was the recipient of the 2005 Beryl Hawkins Award of Merit at the Newell-Henderson watermedia exhibition at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area in Elizabethton, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a model citizen, Joyce Kistner exemplifies the role that committed residents can make in the well-being of their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Joyce Kistner hereby be commended for her many contributions to the City of Bristol and its residents; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joyce Kistner as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her dedicated community service and strong civic spirit.

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