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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 385

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Celebrating the life of Kathy Graham Sullivan.

Patrons—Austin, Habeeb, Head and Rasoul; Senators: Edwards and Newman

WHEREAS, Kathy Graham Sullivan of Buchanan, a longtime Botetourt County School Board member and an ardent advocate for youth substance abuse prevention, died on November 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan graduated with honors from Hollins College (now Hollins University), with a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan's lifelong passion was helping youth and for 19 years she served on the Botetourt County School Board, where she was vice chair at the time of her death; and

WHEREAS, for the past nine years, Kathy Sullivan served as director of the Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition (RAYSAC), where she was a tenacious proponent of reducing underage drinking and drug use; and

WHEREAS, a passionate crusader, Kathy Sullivan would speak about youth drug and alcohol addiction at Parent-Teacher Association meetings and school booster clubs, and she regularly wrote letters about the topic in the *Roanoke Times*; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan served on the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Use and helped initiate a partnership program called the Roanoke Valley Prescription Drug Task Force that educated the public about the proper disposal of prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, because of Kathy Sullivan's dedication and work, RAYSAC secured two Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants from the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan was admired for her great sense of humor, elegance and poise as a speaker, and the fact that she dedicated her life to children and their betterment; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan loved spending time at her home in Buchanan, whether surrounded by her family or her three Labrador retrievers, and she found peace watching the sun set over her view of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her mother, Helen, Kathy Sullivan will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 28 years, Bill; her children, Graham and Kathleen; her granddaughter, Nova; her father, Earl; and many other relatives and good friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Kathy Graham Sullivan, a longtime Botetourt County School Board member and an ardent advocate for reducing youth substance abuse; 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 Kathy Graham Sullivan as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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