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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 415

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Celebrating the life of Mildred Leigh Shiver.

Patrons—Krizek, Adams, D.M., Boysko, Cole, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Landes, Lindsey, Lopez, Plum, Rasoul and Turpin; Senators: Ebbin, Howell, Marsden, Spruill and Surovell

WHEREAS, Mildred Leigh Shiver, a devoted wife and mother and a respected educator with a passion for lifelong learning, passed away in her Alexandria home on August 1, 2017, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, born in South Boston, Mildred Shiver received her bachelor's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 1949; she later earned a master's degree in education from The American University; and

WHEREAS, during her 34-year career as an elementary school teacher, Mildred Shiver worked in both segregated and integrated schools in Winchester, Manassas, Prince William County, and Alexandria; she found great joy in teaching, and was known to write "autograph your work with excellence!" on each student paper she graded; and

WHEREAS, while working at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, Mildred Shiver taught Steven M. Ford, the son of Vice President Gerald R. Ford; she was among the last public school teachers to instruct the child of a sitting United States vice president; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her career as a public educator, Mildred Shiver gave generously of her time in service to the community; she acted as a Fairfax County elections officer from 1976 to 2012, served as a charter member of Black Women United for Action, and was a member of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha, the nation's oldest African American sorority; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Jube, and her daughter, Jacqueline, Mildred Shiver will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her son, Jube, Jr., his family, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Mildred Leigh Shiver, a committed teacher and respected member of the Alexandria community; 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 Mildred Leigh Shiver as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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