

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 474

Celebrating the life of Bessie S. Mattox.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Bessie S. Mattox of Stanleytown, a respected educator and school administrator who served the students of Henry County for more than four decades, died on March 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Martinsville, Bessie "Betsy" S. Mattox graduated from John D. Bassett High School and Wake Forest University; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Mattox began her 41-year career in education as a teacher at John Redd Smith Elementary School and went on to become co-principal of the Samuel H. Hairston School and Fieldale Primary School and principal of Axton Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Mattox served Henry County Public Schools as a curriculum supervisor, director of instruction, and assistant superintendent of instruction before her well-earned retirement; she was also elected to the Henry County School Board, representing the Reed Creek District, for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Mattox inspired countless students to achieve academic greatness and helped them become better citizens of the Commonwealth; she was highly esteemed by her colleagues and respected for her honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Mattox served the community as a longtime supporter of the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA, and The Betsy and Cloy Mattox Medical Support Endowment Fund, named in her honor, will ensure that the organization is able to provide the highest quality medical care to animals for years to come; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Cloy, Betsy Mattox will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Bessie S. Mattox; 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 Bessie S. Mattox as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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