

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

Offered February 11, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Connie Marie Felt Cowardin.*

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WHEREAS, Connie Marie Felt Cowardin, an accomplished educator and school administrator who mentored and inspired countless students in Hampton Roads, died on October 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Illinois, Connie Cowardin attended Rochelle Township High School, then came to the Commonwealth to earn a bachelor's degree from Christopher Newport University and a master's degree from The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin broke barriers as the first female ticket agent for Frontier Airlines in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then began her career in education in the 1970s as a kindergarten teacher; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin taught middle school in Newport News Public Schools before becoming assistant principal of Magruder Elementary School in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Connie Cowardin was named as the first laywoman principal of Peninsula Catholic High School; she served the school for many years and led the campaign that resulted in the school's expansion to a new facility on Harpersville Road, where enrollment doubled; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin later served as principal of Trinity Lutheran School and taught fourth-grade classes and was appointed academic dean at Saint Andrew's Episcopal School; she finished her career as an educational adviser and a board member of the Peninsula School for Autism; and

WHEREAS, Connie Cowardin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, William; her children, Kerstin and Derek, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and former students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Connie Marie Felt Cowardin, a lifelong educator who made many contributions to the Hampton Roads 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 Connie Marie Felt Cowardin as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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