

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

Celebrating the life of Emma Carrington Edmunds.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, Emma Carrington Edmunds, a respected journalist and historian who preserved the history of the Civil Rights Movement in Southside Virginia, died on February 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Emma "Em" Carrington Edmunds graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and pursued a career in journalism, working for the *Atlanta Constitution* and *Atlanta Magazine* in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Em Edmunds returned to the Commonwealth and established History Matters in Halifax to showcase the history of Southside Virginia, with a particular focus on the region's role in the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 15 years, Em Edmunds researched and developed the exhibit "Mapping Local Knowledge from 1945-1975," which has been on permanent display in the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History since 2010 and has become the most visited exhibit in the museum's history; and

WHEREAS, Em Edmunds worked at the University of Virginia and History United and was an active member of the Halifax community after her well-earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, Em Edmunds enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Saint John's Episcopal Church, where she served as a member of the vestry; and

WHEREAS, Em Edmunds will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her sisters, Lavinia and Anne, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Emma Carrington Edmunds; 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 Emma Carrington Edmunds as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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