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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 178

Offered February 26, 2020

*Celebrating the life of Markiya Simone Dickson.*

Patrons—McClellan, Bell, Ebbin, Howell, Morrissey and Spruill; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bourne, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Heretick, Hope, Jones, Murphy, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds and Willett

WHEREAS, Markiya Simone Dickson, a cherished nine-year-old member of the Greater Richmond community, died on May 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a third-grade student at Crestwood Elementary School in Chesterfield County, Markiya Dickson enjoyed sharing her penchant for singing with others and had been planning to participate in a talent show; and

WHEREAS, Markiya Dickson brightened the lives of everyone she met through her kindness, generosity, and joyful exuberance; and

WHEREAS, Markiya Dickson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her parents, Ciara Dickson and Mark Whitfield, Sr.; her siblings; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Markiya Simone Dickson, a beloved daughter and sister in Richmond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Markiya Simone Dickson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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