

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 651

Offered January 29, 2021

Celebrating the life of Katherine Bridgforth Hooker.

Patrons—Carr (By Request), Adams, D.M., Bagby, Cole, J.G., Cole, M.L., Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Fowler, Helmer, Heretick, Hope, Hudson, Kory, Marshall, McQuinn, Rasoul, Reid, Simon, Simonds, Ware and Watts; Senators: Bell, Boysko, Hashmi, Howell, Ruff, Spruill and Stanley

WHEREAS, Katherine Bridgforth Hooker, an esteemed teacher, golf champion, and beloved member of the Martinsville community, died on January 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by family and friends as "Kitty Sue," Katherine Hooker was born and raised in Kenbridge; after graduating from Kenbridge High School, she earned a degree from the former State Teachers College, now Longwood University; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Katherine Hooker embarked upon a career as an educator in Martinsville, greatly contributing to the success of innumerable children both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Hooker was a passionate and accomplished golfer who won several local tournament championships, including the Forest Park Championship in 1963 and the Chatmoss Country Club Championship in 1961 and 1971, and was named the Henry County Women's Golf Champion in 1964; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her deep and abiding faith, Katherine Hooker enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at First United Methodist Church in Martinsville, serving in the Wesley Guild; and

WHEREAS, known for her exceptional taste and good fashion sense, Katherine Hooker often employed her skills arranging flowers for the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, Clyde, Katherine Hooker will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her daughter, Katherine, and her 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 Katherine Bridgforth Hooker, a cherished member of the Martinsville community whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Katherine Bridgforth Hooker as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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