

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 725

*Celebrating the life of Connie Weldon Edwards.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021

Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Connie Weldon Edwards, an esteemed educator and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the historic Armstead T. Johnson High School in Westmoreland County, Connie Edwards earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Virginia State University in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Connie Edwards began her noteworthy 35-year career in education as a teacher with Richmond Public Schools, serving Navy Hill Elementary School and Fairmount Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, following the desegregation of the Commonwealth's schools, Connie Edwards worked as a curriculum specialist at J.L. Francis Elementary School in Richmond and earned a master's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Connie Edwards was later appointed principal of Patrick Henry Elementary School in 1987, where she contributed greatly to the success of children both in and out of the classroom until her retirement four years later; and

WHEREAS, Connie Edwards gave generously of her time to the community, serving as a charter member of both the Commonwealth's chapter of the Links, Inc., and the Richmond chapter of Chums, Inc., and as an active member of the alumni associations at Virginia State University and the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Connie Edwards will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by her loving husband of 64 years, Thomas; her daughter, Lisa, 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 Connie Weldon Edwards, respected educator in Richmond whose unwavering kindness, generosity, and dedication to her community 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 Connie Weldon Edwards as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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