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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 483

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*Celebrating the life of Janet Bennett Martin.*

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WHEREAS, Janet Bennett Martin of Great Falls, a passionate educator who touched countless lives during her distinguished career at Langley High School, died on October 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Janet Martin grew up in Greenville, South Carolina, and graduated from Furman University with degrees in English and history; and

WHEREAS, Janet Martin relocated to the Washington, D.C., area in 1963 and began her career in education at W.T. Woodson High School, where she met her future husband, Arthur, a fellow teacher; the couple spent their first year of marriage in England after Arthur won a scholarship with the Fulbright Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Janet Martin joined the faculty of Langley High School, where she served and supported young people for the next 24 years as an inspirational teacher and a trusted mentor; and

WHEREAS, Janet Martin brought joy to others through her genuine warmth, kindness, and sense of humor, and she earned the admiration of her colleagues for her vast knowledge of history and impeccable command of current events; and

WHEREAS, during her long tenure at Langley High School, Janet Martin and two other teachers established the American Civilization course, an interdisciplinary humanities program for students in 11th grade that integrated history and literature studies with philosophy, music, art, theater, and dance; and

WHEREAS, Janet Martin was an avid patron of the musical and performing arts, attending productions at Wolf Trap, Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, Janet Martin also volunteered her time to support a wide range of charitable organizations, including the Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity, and several local food banks and shelters; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her beloved husband of 44 years, Arthur, Janet Martin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Thomas, Shannon, and Mark, and their families, 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 Janet Bennett Martin, a devoted educator in Fairfax County; 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 Janet Bennett Martin as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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