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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 318

Offered February 9, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Frances Reed Jenkins.*

Patrons—Stuart and McDougale; Delegate: Ransone

WHEREAS, Frances Reed Jenkins, a trailblazing educator and school administrator who inspired countless young people to achieve their fullest potential for five decades, died on December 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jenkins attended Westmoreland County Public Schools and graduated from A.T. Johnson High School; she subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Paul's College, where she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and later earned a master's degree from Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jenkins enjoyed a long and distinguished career at Westmoreland County Public Schools, teaching many grades over the course of more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jenkins made history as the first African American woman principal in Westmoreland County at Washington District Elementary School; she remained principal there for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Frances Jenkins helped countless students gain a strong foundation for lifelong learning and develop the skills they needed to achieve success in higher education and careers; she inspired her colleagues through her personal motto, "All children can learn"; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement as a teacher and school principal, Frances Jenkins continued to serve young people and the community as an elected at-large member of the Westmoreland County School Board for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Clarence, Frances Jenkins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Sandra, Clarence, Jr., and Lisa, and their families; 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 Frances Reed Jenkins; and, be it

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

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