

2003 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 530

Celebrating the life of Lillian Ann Perkins Morse.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 10, 2003
Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2003

WHEREAS, Lillian Ann Perkins Morse, the heart and soul of community performing arts and Waynesboro's Outstanding Woman of 1997, died on March 20, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Morse, president and director of the Waynesboro Players for more than 20 years, was instrumental in the advancement of community theater in Waynesboro and Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after earning a degree in music education at Newman College in Kansas, Lillian Morse performed both operatic and popular music and after settling in Waynesboro, delighted Central Virginia theater patrons with her acting, directing and producing in community productions; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Morse served on the board of the Virginia Commission for the Arts from 1999 to 2001, promoting state-wide arts organizations and talented artists; and

WHEREAS, an avid quilter, Lillian Morse left a wonderful legacy of heirloom quilts for family and friends; and

WHEREAS, a tireless community leader, Lillian Morse served as Executive Vice President of the Staunton/Augusta Chamber of Commerce from 1978 to 1983 and as president of the Waynesboro Woman's Club for two terms; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Morse was instrumental in the creation of several theatre companies in central Virginia, including the Four County Players of Barboursville and the Valley Mental Health Players; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Morse helped to raise funds for the construction of the Blackfriars Playhouse of Staunton that opened in 2001 and worked diligently on plans for the Wayne Theatre renovation until her death; and

WHEREAS, through her dedication and professionalism, Lillian Morse steadfastly supported the development of a strong arts program for Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, especially interested in helping young people as well as art participants and enthusiasts of all ages, Lillian Morse provided encouragement and inspiration through her talent, patience, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Lillian Morse will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her family, by the performing arts community, and by her countless friends and admirers in Waynesboro and Central Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Lillian Ann Perkins Morse; 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 Lillian Ann Perkins Morse as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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