

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 126

*Celebrating the life of Gloria Ann Smith Stickley.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2022  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022

WHEREAS, Gloria Ann Smith Stickley, an accomplished public historian and author and a beloved member of the Strasburg community, died on September 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Strasburg, Gloria Stickley graduated from Strasburg High School, Lord Fairfax Community College, and what is now Shepherd University; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Stickley admirably served the children of Shenandoah County for many years as a library media specialist at Toms Brook Elementary School and later at Strasburg High School, during which time she oversaw the transition from card catalogs to computers; and

WHEREAS, for her efforts with Shenandoah County Public Schools, Gloria Stickley was named Regional Media Specialist of the Year by the former Virginia Educational Media Association in 1999 and honorary member of the Strasburg High School chapter of Future Farmers of America; she was also recognized by the mayor of the Town of Strasburg for her dedicated professional service to education; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Stickley's legacy in Strasburg includes the many contributions she made to the study and presentation of the town's local history, as the energy and enthusiasm she brought to her work compelled many to reflect more deeply on the area's past; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Stickley served as president of the Strasburg Museum from 2008 to 2020, curating several exhibitions about the town's history and earning "Best Community Volunteer" honors in a poll organized by the *Northern Virginia Daily* newspaper in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Stickley's pursuits as a local historian also led to several publications; she authored *Reflections: Early Schools of Shenandoah County, Virginia* with the Shenandoah County Historical Society; *Strasburg, Virginia, and Its Neighbors: Our History in Post Cards*, which won the 2015 Excellence in Preservation Award from the Shenandoah County Historical Society; and *Legacy: A History of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Strasburg, Virginia, 1700s-2000* with the Reverend William H. Hall; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Stickley was an active and engaged member of the community who served as president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and was a member of the Strasburg Heritage Association; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Stickley was guided throughout her life by her faith and enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg for many years; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Stickley will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband of 61 years, Ralph; her children, Mark and Ralph, 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 Gloria Ann Smith Stickley, a cherished member of the Strasburg community whose passion for local history inspired all who knew her; and, be it

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

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