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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 458

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Celebrating the life of Clara Johnson Pollard.

Patrons—Poisson and Morrissey; Senator: McEachin

WHEREAS, Clara Johnson Pollard, age 104, a respected and admired citizen of Richmond, died on January 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Clara Pollard was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the loving daughter of Robert and Lillian Johnson, the third of eight children, and the devoted sibling of three brothers and four sisters; and

WHEREAS, Clara Pollard was born during the Philippine-American War and lived and endured through the tumultuous times of World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the adoption of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, and the beginning of the Information Age; and

WHEREAS, Clara Pollard's diverse life experiences forged in her a strong sense of family, community, self-reliance, and compassion for others; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to all who knew her, Clara Pollard encouraged her family members and friends to meet all of the challenges of life and to refuse to accept the limitations imposed upon them by society; and

WHEREAS, always willing to help her fellow citizens in need, Clara Pollard was a faithful member of Mount Tabor Baptist Church for over 60 years and was active in the church's many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Clara Pollard was the beloved wife of the late Jack Pollard and the loving grandmother of the late Terrence Brevard, as well as the firm foundation and nurturer of her large family, including her three children, William Johnson, Mary Brevard, and Jack J. Pollard, Jr., and her 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great wisdom and fortitude, Clara Pollard will be fondly remembered for her many contributions to her community and greatly missed by her loving family, her numerous friends and admirers, and the congregation of Mount Tabor Baptist Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Clara Johnson Pollard; 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 Clara Johnson Pollard as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and esteem for her memory.

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