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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 867

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Commending Claudia Ann Brown Hunter.

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WHEREAS, Claudia Ann Brown Hunter, a gracious lady of great faith who has inspired and served those around her throughout her long life, will be honored at the 2011 Annual Rosa Parks Prayer Breakfast in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Rosa Parks Prayer Breakfast honors women who exemplify the strength and character of esteemed civil rights icon Rosa Parks; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Claudia Hunter was born on October 26, 1912, to the late John and Bertha Brown and is the beloved sister of Devolia Brown Bradshaw and John Leon Brown; and

WHEREAS, after the early passing of her mother, Claudia Hunter's father later married Ethel Banks, and the close-knit family grew with their two children, Lucille Brown BaCote and the late Holston Brown; and

WHEREAS, an industrious student who delighted in sharing her knowledge, Claudia Hunter attended Huntington High School and, when she returned home, gathered her siblings and gave them the lessons she had learned; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Hunter demonstrated that same commitment to hard work throughout her life, working for over 50 years from her home as a talented seamstress; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Hunter has prized her family relationships throughout her life, cherishing her 37-year marriage to the late Percy C. Hunter, enjoying the company of her many nieces and nephews, and sharing many memories with other family members; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Hunter began her long relationship with Trinity Baptist Church in 1925, when she professed her faith and was baptized by Reverend Higgs; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Hunter has played a pivotal role in the growth and development of Trinity Baptist Church over the years, serving as staff member to its first vacation Bible school, financial secretary, member of the women's ministry, and member of the Sunday school class; and

WHEREAS, laughter, faith, love, hope, and, above all, prayer, have been the hallmarks of Claudia Hunter's long life as she has faithfully served her family, church, and those with whom she has come in contact; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Claudia Ann Brown Hunter, a respected citizen of the Commonwealth, for her recognition at the 2011 Annual Rosa Parks Prayer Breakfast in Newport News; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Claudia Ann Brown Hunter as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for her faithful service to her family and fellow Virginians.