

## 2012 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 253

*Celebrating the life of Shirley A. Freeman.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2012

Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2012

WHEREAS, Shirley A. Freeman, who served the residents of the City of Norfolk with great distinction as a member of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, died on December 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Shirley Freeman took an active role in community and civic affairs, serving as a strong voice for those living in public housing; and

WHEREAS, from 1992 to 2000, Shirley Freeman served on the board of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), providing valuable insight and guidance as the NRHA undertook numerous projects to revitalize the historic city; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Freeman also worked for the Roberts Village Community Tenant Management Corporation office, where she greatly enjoyed working with local youth; and

WHEREAS, known and admired for her tireless efforts, Shirley Freeman planned an annual summer youth camp, helped place youth in summer jobs, and encouraged the young people of the Roberts Village community to excel in all of their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a staunch advocate for those in need, Shirley Freeman touched the lives of countless individuals and leaves behind a legacy of service; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Sterling, Sr., Shirley Freeman leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children, Melvinia and Sterling, Jr., and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an admired citizen of Norfolk, Shirley A. Freeman; 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 Shirley A. Freeman as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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