HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 142

Celebrating the life of Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, January 23, 2014

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden, a native daughter of Hanover, was born on July 8, 1948, and passed away on December 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden was educated in the Hanover County Public Schools and graduated from Lee-Davis High School in 1967, where she was one of the first African Americans to desegregate the formerly all-white high school; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden continued her education at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Virginia Commonwealth University; she began her career in retail and banking, working for International Business Machines for 14 years and for Capital Area Partnership Uplifting People, formerly Richmond Community Action Program, until her death; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden, embracing the country's democratic principles, worked tirelessly as a community activist to uplift the downtrodden, advocate for the voiceless, and educate residents in the Richmond area concerning the right to vote and other constitutional rights and privileges; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden served as a volunteer for the Crusade for Voters; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Virginia Chapter; the Richmond Democratic Committee; the 7th District Heritage Celebration steering committee; the Senior Citizens Retirement Community; The Giving Heart steering committee, which awarded her with the Community Leaders Award; and other civic and political endeavors; and

WHEREAS, her unequivocal dedication and devoted leadership to many civic activities reflect Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents in her community, and her many acts of kindness and generosity will forever be remembered by family and friends who will miss her presence dearly; 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 Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden; 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 Jacquelyn Marie Holmes Bolden as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.