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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 195

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Celebrating the life of Virginia Tabb Joyner.

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WHEREAS, Virginia Tabb Joyner was born on January 21, 1922, in Richmond, and passed away on January 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, educated in the Richmond Public Schools, Virginia Tabb Joyner lovingly served as a caregiver for her mother and other relatives before beginning her employment with a local tobacco company in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Virginia Tabb Joyner began her long career with the Miller & Rhoads department store in downtown Richmond, where she was employed as a maid; however, she worked her way up to become one of the store's first African American sales clerks; and

WHEREAS, although Virginia Tabb Joyner retired from Miller & Rhoads in the mid-1980s, she remained active in the store's retirees group for many years; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tabb Joyner, together with her beloved husband, Carl H. Joyner, was a tireless community activist and a lifetime member of the Richmond Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tabb Joyner was spiritually anchored at Thirty-first Street Baptist Church in Richmond, where she was immersed in many ministries, especially the Ladies Usher Board, which occupied a place of affection in her heart; she loved assuming her post on the doors of the church on Sundays and regularly volunteered to usher for funerals; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tabb Joyner also served God and her church family through her gift of hospitality, frequently baking cakes for new and other church family members, and her work in the church's Nutrition Center; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tabb Joyner was a kind and loving woman who will be sorely missed by her family, church family, friends, and neighbors, and her memory will always be treasured; 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 Virginia Tabb Joyner; 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 Virginia Tabb Joyner as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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