

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 327

Celebrating the life of Ellen Virginia Pryor Harvey.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2014
 Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 2014

WHEREAS, Ellen Virginia Pryor Harvey, dedicated public servant and beloved member of the Norfolk community, died on August 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Lambert's Point, Ellen Harvey graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1942 before attending Virginia State College and Union College (now Norfolk State University); and

WHEREAS, opening her home to the children of young and working mothers in the community, Ellen Harvey started her first at-home day care center in 1962 through the Norfolk Social Services Department; and

WHEREAS, taking pride in her community, Ellen Harvey joined the Lambert's Point Civic League, serving as the secretary before becoming the president in 1982, a position she expertly filled until her death; and

WHEREAS, interested in continuing her work with youths, Ellen Harvey joined the Old Dominion University youth program, sparking an interest in recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, serving as a Model City commissioner, Ellen Harvey was able to secure funding through the Model Cities Program for a Park Place Multi-Service Center; she was later instrumental in the construction of the James Monroe Elementary facility adjacent to the multi-service center, which combined resources and reduced costs; and

WHEREAS, transferring to the Larchmont Center in 1983, Ellen Harvey advocated for a recreation center on behalf of Lambert's Point and in June 2010, her 40 years of dedicated service culminated in a new recreation center for her beloved hometown and the naming of the center's computer lab in her honor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her years of commitment to recreation programs, Ellen Harvey was a member of the Youth Advisory Board of the City of Norfolk, the Clean Community Commission, the Police Assisted Community Enforcement, and the Neighborhood Concerned Citizens Group; a representative on the Old Dominion University Neighborhood Council; and the treasurer of the Park Place Multi-Service Center advisory board; and

WHEREAS, for her years of dedicated service to her community, Ellen Harvey received many acknowledgments and awards, including the distinction of being named "Mrs. Lambert's Point" in 2001, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award from Old Dominion University in 1980, and the Outstanding Leadership Award from the ODU Lambert's Point Fantastic Summer Camp in 2009; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Ellen Harvey was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church of Lambert's Point and served the church and congregation in numerous positions, including president of the senior choir, president of the food service department, and member of the Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Day committee, and was named "Woman of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Kenneth, Ellen Harvey will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Ellen, Barbara, Catherine, Patricia, Christine, Kenneth, and Kim, and their families, and many other family members and friends; 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 a beloved member of the Norfolk community, Ellen Virginia Pryor Harvey; 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 Ellen Virginia Pryor Harvey as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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