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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 380**

Offered February 27, 2014

*Commending Margaret Johnson.*

Patrons—BaCote; Senator: Locke

WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson, a devoted educator and a vibrant and beloved member of the Newport News community celebrates her 100th birthday in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Margaret Johnson was born on March 21, 1914, to Katie Scott Fields and Dr. Sterling O. Fields; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson attended public schools in Hampton and Norfolk; she later earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University, where she graduated first in her class, and a master's degree from Hampton Institute (now University); and

WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson helped prepare the youth of the community for higher education, careers, and citizenship as an educator in Mecklenburg County, earning many awards and accolades over the course of her career; and

WHEREAS, later joining the Virginia State School for the Deaf and Blind in Hampton, Margaret Johnson enjoyed 28 years with the school, becoming the acting director of education and a member of the board of visitors after her well-earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson shared her leadership and experience as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., for more than 80 years and as a longtime member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, where she held many positions; and

WHEREAS, the devoted matriarch of a large family, Margaret Johnson and her husband were married for 70 years, and she has four children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson is deeply respected in her community for her wisdom, honesty, and compassion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Margaret Johnson, a dedicated educator and a dynamic member of the Newport News community, on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Margaret Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and respect.

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