

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 260

Celebrating the life of Maggie Lee Dixon Ingram.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 2016

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, Maggie Lee Dixon Ingram, who expressed her deep and abiding faith through the joy of song and built a rich legacy of service to the Richmond community, died on June 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Coffee County, Georgia, Maggie Ingram began singing at a young age when she joined a Baptist choir near her family's home; she also taught herself to play piano and began to cultivate the deep connection with Jesus Christ that would guide her throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, in the 1940s, Maggie Ingram moved to Miami, where she began raising her family and shared her passion for music with the community as a soloist for a gospel quartet called the Six Trumpets; she taught her children to sing harmony in her spare time, laying the foundation for her own group, Maggie Ingram and the Ingramettes; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Ingram and her children relocated to Richmond in 1961; she worked as a housekeeper, then accepted a position with the Department of Social Services, which she held until she started her own day care business; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Ingram and the Ingramettes made their musical debut at Hood Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church shortly after arriving in Richmond; they went on to perform at other venues and events in Richmond and all along the East Coast, earning many awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, living her faith through her actions, Maggie Ingram worked to enhance the quality of life of all her fellow Richmond residents; she delivered meals to community members in need, established a prison ministry, supported family day programs at Virginia prisons, and opened her home to female prisoners transitioning back into society; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Ingram will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Almeta, John, Lucious, Thomas, and Christine, and their families and numerous 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 Maggie Lee Dixon Ingram, a well-known singer who inspired others through her faith; 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 Maggie Lee Dixon Ingram as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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