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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1051**

Offered February 20, 2017

*Celebrating the life of Marie Gwendolyn McNair Moore.*

Patrons—McQuinn and Carr; Senator: McClellan

WHEREAS, Marie Gwendolyn McNair Moore was born on December 5, 1944, in Lumberton, North Carolina, and died on January 28, 2017, in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Marie Moore graduated from J. H. Hayswood High School in Lumberton, North Carolina, in 1962; she earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1966, from Winston-Salem Teachers University, formerly Winston-Salem Teachers College, where she recently returned with former classmates to celebrate their 50th class reunion; and in 1996, she received the master of business administration degree from Averett University; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Winston-Salem Teachers University, Marie Moore settled in Richmond with her husband and family and began her professional career in education, where she taught in the Richmond Public Schools until her retirement in 2001; and

WHEREAS, reared and nurtured in a loving Christian home, Marie Moore adhered to the teachings of Scripture her entire life, first making her church home at Hilly Branch Baptist Church, where she was baptized before her family moved its membership to Sandy Grove Baptist Church in Lumberton; and since 2004, she was a devoted member of First Baptist Church South Richmond, where she faithfully taught Vacation Bible School and worked with the Joshua Army and Women's Ministry, until her death; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement, Marie Moore remained active in community organizations, including the Richmond Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; the Commonwealth Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, in which during her tenure as president, she led the group in many community and youth activities focusing on young males; the Carousels; the Moles; the D'JEMS; the Top Lady Clubbers; the Lakeside Women's Golf Association; and the Belmont Ladies Golf League; and she was a member of Leadership Metro Richmond Class of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Marie Moore, an avid golfer, cofounded the first lady's African American golf club, 'The Top Lady Clubbers,' in Richmond in December 1997, which held its organizational meeting in April 1998; and

WHEREAS, Marie Moore was a God-fearing woman who delighted in serving Him and others; she was loving, selfless, amicable, and gregarious; her infectious smile and caring demeanor endeared her to family, friends, and even strangers, while she 'took control'; and

WHEREAS, Marie Moore was accepting of others and gave them freedom to be themselves; she touched the lives of many people through education, community organizations, and her church family during her earthly sojourn; and

WHEREAS, Marie Moore will be missed by her family and friends, and her legacy will endure through their loving memories of her life, 'truly a life well-lived'; 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 Marie Gwendolyn McNair Moore; 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 Marie Gwendolyn McNair Moore as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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