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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 539

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Celebrating the life of Eleanor Tart Harrison.

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WHEREAS, Eleanor Tart Harrison, a dedicated and longtime public health employee of the City of Richmond, departed this life on March 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Harrison was a graduate of Armstrong High School and studied at Virginia Union University; she completed extensive training through the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Virginia HIV/AIDS Center, and the Virginia Department of Health, Division of HIV-AIDS, STD, and Pharmacy Services; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Eleanor Harrison, affectionately known as "Miss Ann" to her colleagues and clients, was employed by the Richmond City Department of Public Health as an outreach worker with the Family Planning and Maternal Child Health Care Program, where she worked purposefully and diligently to help reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS infection among minorities and to ensure that culturally sensitive prevention and education programs, appropriate medical care, support services, housing, food, and other programs were provided in minority communities; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Harrison was promoted in 1974 to the Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and, after working nearly 20 years with the Richmond City Department of Public Health, Eleanor Harrison accepted the position of Coordinator of Minority Program Activities with the Fan Free Clinic, where for seven years she implemented programs in shelters for men and women, correctional institutions, churches, public schools, halfway houses, mental health treatment centers, and other specialized facilities; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Harrison returned to the Richmond City Department of Public Health in 1984 as the Human Services Administrator, where she continued her dedicated service in public health; and

WHEREAS, throughout her dedicated career as a public health servant and advocate, Eleanor Harrison received many awards and certificates for her significant contributions to public health, including the Outstanding Professional AIDS Service Award from the Community Foundation, the Mayor's Outstanding Award for Community Service, and the Richmond Public School Service Award for Outstanding Services with Youth; in 1995, she was selected as the City of Richmond's Legend in the Fight Against AIDS and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Harrison's dedicated service to the people of Richmond will be remembered forever, and her memory will be cherished by all who loved her; 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 Eleanor Tart Harrison; 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 Eleanor Tart Harrison as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for her public health service and respect for her memory.

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