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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 901

Offered February 8, 2017

Commending Elizabeth Roberts.

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Roberts, a vibrant member of the Petersburg community, celebrated her 105th birthday on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Crewe, Elizabeth Roberts was born in 1911; she was married to her husband, Cecil, for 43 years and has lived in Petersburg for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, a beautician by trade, Elizabeth Roberts is a past member of the National Beauticians Association; a dedicated community leader since the age of 18, she has been active with the NAACP since the 1930s and made many contributions to local residents as a Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Elizabeth Roberts enjoys fellowship and worship with the community at Olive Branch Baptist Church, where she helps organize church projects and fundraisers to support community outreach; and

WHEREAS, born before women in the United States achieved the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, Elizabeth Roberts first exercised her civic duty in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Roberts proudly celebrated her 105th birthday at her polling place, casting her vote in the historic 2016 presidential election, with Hillary Rodham Clinton on the ballot as the first female presidential nominee of a major political party in the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Elizabeth Roberts has been a witness to history, experiencing firsthand the many ways the world was reshaped in the 20th century, and she will continue to impart her wisdom to her beloved family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Elizabeth Roberts on the occasion of her 105th birthday in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elizabeth Roberts as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Petersburg community and the Commonwealth.

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