

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 269

*Commending Annie Belle Daniels.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Annie Belle Daniels is a respected businesswoman, civil rights advocate, and highly regarded leader in the Newport News community; and

WHEREAS, Annie Belle Daniels is the operator of a beauty salon and cosmetology school that has been a fixture in southeastern Newport News for nearly 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Annie Daniels was reared on a farm in Grove Hill, Alabama, where she was one of 11 children, and from an early age was inspired to become a hairdresser by her great aunt, Lady Bell Pugh; and

WHEREAS, Annie Daniels was formally trained at the Barnett Institute in Grove Hill, Alabama; Freeman Beauty College in Savannah, Georgia; and Spratley Beauty College in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Annie Daniels established the Madam Daniels Salon on Chestnut Avenue and one year later opened the Madam Daniels School of Beauty Culture, which started with four students and one basic course of study; and

WHEREAS, the Madam Daniels School of Beauty Culture has grown exponentially in enrollment and curriculum over the years, training thousands of students who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to become skilled professionals; and

WHEREAS, Annie Daniels is an advocate for civil rights and social justice in the Commonwealth as a leader in the Newport News chapter of the NAACP; she has a strong belief in civic duty, working to support numerous candidates for election and to increase voter registration; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City of Newport News dedicated a historical marker to honor Annie Daniels for her untiring humanitarian service and contribution to the general welfare of the city; and

WHEREAS, Annie Daniels received many awards and accolades for her civic and charity work over the years, including a Distinguished Citizen Award from the City of Newport News, Hampton University's President's Citizenship Award, and the Newport News NAACP's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Annie Daniels, a woman of strong courage and faith, has advocated for young people and been an inspiration to other local business owners, especially aspiring young entrepreneurs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Annie Belle Daniels hereby be commended for her nearly 60 years of service as a respected businesswoman, civil rights advocate, and highly regarded leader in Newport News; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Annie Belle Daniels as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her many achievements and tireless commitment to the citizens of Newport News and Hampton Roads.

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