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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 256

Offered February 12, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Martha Alice Wright.*

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WHEREAS, Martha Alice Wright, a respected Culpeper resident who gave generously of her time and talents in service to the community, died on October 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in 1923, Martha Wright attended Culpeper Training School, Norfolk State University, and Cortez Peters Business School and was a retired debit manager with Atlantic Life Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, a woman of strong and abiding faith, Martha Wright joined Antioch Baptist Church at age 10 and remained an active member for the rest of her life, serving with the youth choir and as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Martha Wright's other contributions to Antioch Baptist Church included serving as first chair of the Usher and Christian Education Boards and as a first bulletin clerk and past financial clerk; and

WHEREAS, Martha Wright was a dedicated member of the Culpeper community who spent 45 years as a member of the Culpeper Hospital Auxiliary; she was also a life member and past president of the Culpeper NAACP and a charter member and past worthy matron of Piedmont Chapter No. 234 of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia, Prince Hall Affiliation; and

WHEREAS, as an active member of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows for over 70 years, Martha Wright served as a chapter member and secretary of Juvenile Society No. 2191, a past most noble governor of Household of Ruth No. 1556, a past chair of Sub-District No. 1, and a past chair of auditors of Area 2; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her siblings, Franklin, Chapman, Mary, Charles, Nellie, and William, Martha Wright will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many 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 Martha Alice Wright, an active citizen who served the residents of Culpeper; 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 Martha Alice Wright as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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