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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 443

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Commending Lucy Cordell Wells.

Patrons—Bagby, Adams, D.M., Bourne, McQuinn and Rodman; Senators: Dunnivant and McClellan

WHEREAS, Lucy Cordell Wells, a respected community leader and a tireless advocate for equality and social change, has made many valuable contributions to the residents of Henrico County and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a native of Goochland County, Lucy Wells attended Goochland Public Schools and was an active member of Ebenezer Baptist Church from a young age; she continued her education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and completed many professional training sessions offered through churches and organizations; and

WHEREAS, a hardworking entrepreneur, Lucy Wells operated a day care center for 22 years, and she is the owner of an antique shop; she has also served the community as the chair of the Henrico County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Association, promoting Dr. King's legacy of courage, compassion, humility, and peace; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Wells was the first female president of the Henrico County Branch of the NAACP; she organized the first Queen Rally, later called the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, and she organized the first Henrico County NAACP Youth Chapter; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and active member of Quioccasin Baptist Church, Lucy Wells has also worked to strengthen and enhance the community as a member of the Henrico County Supervisors Committee, member of the Social Services Board for Henrico County, past president of the American Business Women's Association Virginia Randolph Chapter, member of the Henrico County Democratic Committee, member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and member of the Urban League of Greater Richmond, among many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Wells has received many awards and accolades for her love of helping and supporting others, including the American Business Women's Association Business Associate of the Year and Quioccasin Baptist Church's Commission on Evangelism Award; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Wells has succeeded in her mission to serve the community with the love and support of her devoted husband, Clifford, and their six children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lucy Cordell Wells for her many contributions to Henrico County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lucy Cordell Wells as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her lifetime of leadership and service to the residents of Henrico County and the Commonwealth.

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