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Celebrating the life of Vivian Conway Mason.

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WHEREAS, Vivian Conway Mason, a passionate educator and a beloved wife, mother, and friend in the Richmond community, died on June 8, 2017; and
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WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Richmond, Vivian Mason grew up in the historic Jackson Ward neighborhood and graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School; she earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and conducted graduate studies at VCU, Hampton University, and Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, specializing in early childhood education and special education, Vivian Mason taught in Richmond Public Schools for 40 years, giving countless students a strong foundation for lifelong learning and inspiring them to become active citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, respected among her peers, Vivian Mason was a leader in the Richmond Education Association and served as a delegate to the Virginia Education Association and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Mason was a staunch advocate for children, and she brought joy to others through her vibrant personality, sharp wit, and commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Mason will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her devoted husband of 55 years, Eugene; her children, Yevette and Eugene, and their families; and numerous other 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 Vivian Conway Mason; 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 Vivian Conway Mason as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.