

18104005D

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 206

Offered February 27, 2018

Celebrating the life of Mattie Jefferson Shepperd Trower.

Patrons—McClellan, Dance and Spruill; Delegates: Aird, Bagby, Bourne, Herring, McQuinn, Price, Rasoul, Torian and Tyler

WHEREAS, Mattie Jefferson Shepperd Trower, a woman who was guided by her faith to serve and support the Charles City County community, died on November 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Trower attended Charles City County Public Schools and graduated from Ruthville High School; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Trower cultivated her deep faith at a young age and joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1952, serving as church clerk for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, a devout and active member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church community, Mattie Trower served as president of the senior choir and the deaconess ministry, secretary of the Christian education ministry, and member of the Mt. Zion Gospel Chorus and the Star of the East Baptist Association, as well as church treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a life member of the local NAACP, Mattie Trower was also the secretary of the Ruthville High School Alumni Association, the Charles City County Civic League, the Charles City County Committee on Aging, the Electoral Board of Charles City County, and the Philodendron Club of Carver Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Trower possessed a keen interest in civic life and was an influential community organizer during the late 1960s, and her advocacy and leadership increased civic participation and strong citizenship among women and African Americans; her work was critical in the election of Iona W. Adkins, the first African American woman elected as a circuit court clerk in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Trower helped establish and was a major contributor to a community enrichment foundation that will serve generations of local residents; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her first husband, John, and her second husband, Sandy, Mattie Trower will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her siblings, her stepchildren, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Mattie Jefferson Shepperd Trower; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Mattie Jefferson Shepperd Trower as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

INTRODUCED

SJ206