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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1098

Offered February 18, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Willie Mae Mitchell.*

Patrons—Levine; Senators: Barker and Ebbin

WHEREAS, Willie Mae Mitchell, a beloved grandmother, wife, mother, daughter, community volunteer, and business owner in Alexandria, passed away on July 7, 2018, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae Mitchell was born and raised in Shorter, Alabama, near Tuskegee, and moved to Alexandria in the mid-1960s with her husband, where they would go on to raise six children; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae Mitchell served as a crossing guard for the City of Alexandria and later in parking enforcement for Arlington County before opening her business, Tops of Old Town, in Alexandria in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae Mitchell frequently donated clothes, hats, and accessories from Tops of Old Town for funeral services for her neighbors in need, as well as to the Battered Woman's Shelter of Alexandria to provide professional attire for employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae Mitchell was a 52-year member of St. Paul Temple Church of God in Christ in Washington, D.C., and a missionary for the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae Mitchell started a Prison Ministry to spread the word of God and spent years doing so, while styling inmates' hair as a licensed cosmetologist; 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 Willie Mae Mitchell, a vibrant member of the Alexandria community; 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 Willie Mae Mitchell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her acts of kindness and respect for her memory.

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