

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 950

*Commending Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis, sisters in the Gainsboro neighborhood of Roanoke, have dedicated their lives to the protection of the area's historic resources and the preservation of its unique community spirit; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis founded Historic Gainsboro, Inc., which helped register the Gainsboro Branch of the Roanoke City Public Library on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis facilitated Operation Rebirth, which moved and rehabilitated historic homes to prevent demolition, and published a brochure on the significance of Gainsboro as Roanoke's oldest community; and

WHEREAS, a guiding presence at every Roanoke City Council meeting, Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis strive to lead by example when it comes to civic engagement and community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis for their work as historic preservationists and community leaders; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Evelyn Bethel and Helen Davis as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their contributions to the Gainsboro neighborhood in central Roanoke.

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