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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 457

Offered February 18, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Effie Marie Giddens Spady.*

Patron—Lewis

WHEREAS, Effie Marie Giddens Spady, beloved member of the Northampton County community, died on October 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Effie Giddens Spady was born in Franktown and was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church, where she worshipped for over 60 years, contributing to various ministries and serving as a member of the Willie Frank Tanner Jr. Gospel Chorus and as a co-founder of the Rosebud Choir and Ushers; and

WHEREAS, Effie Giddens Spady was employed for 33 years at what was formerly the Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital, where she made many dear and lasting friends; she also helped run her family's business, the legendary Giddens' Do Drop Inn, the oldest ongoing African American business in Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, Effie Giddens Spady was also active in civic life, assisting with the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebrations, numerous voter registration drives, NAACP events, and community banquets; she was an advocate for social justice, a lifetime member of the NAACP, and a proud recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Service Award; she also served as treasurer for the Virginia-Maryland Baptist Association District II Sunday School Convention for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Effie Giddens Spady will be dearly remembered by her children, Deborah and Stacy, 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 Effie Marie Giddens Spady, valued member of the Northampton County community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Effie Marie Giddens Spady as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory and appreciation of her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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