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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 298

Offered February 21, 2020

*Celebrating the life of Dr. James Henry Robinson, Jr.*

Patrons—Hayes; Senator: Spruill

WHEREAS, Dr. James Henry Robinson, Jr., accomplished education professional and invaluable member of the Norfolk community, died on August 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, James Robinson was born in Norfolk, graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in 1952; after serving honorably in the United States Army, he earned a bachelor's degree at Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, raised to value the importance of an education, James Robinson continued his studies, earning a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Hampton University and a doctorate in education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, while concurrently building a remarkable career as an educator; and

WHEREAS, over the years, James Robinson applied his expertise in various positions, serving as a teacher, principal, and director of special education for Norfolk Public Schools; assistant superintendent for Halifax County Public Schools and Hertford County Public Schools, both in North Carolina; and professor and member of the Board of Visitors for Norfolk State University; and

WHEREAS, a natural-born leader dedicated to bettering his community, James Robinson devoted himself to many professional and civic organizations throughout his life, including Phi Delta Kappa, the National Education Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the Council for Exceptional Children, the National Alliance of Black School Educators, the Providence Square Civic League, the YMCA, and Optimist International; and

WHEREAS, James Robinson, whose faith inspired his steadfast dedication to others, enjoyed fellowship and worship with his community as a lifelong member and trustee of First Baptist Church Lambert's Point in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his first wife, Willie, James Robinson will be dearly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Sandra; his children, Katherine, James III, Jennifer, and Lisa, 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 Dr. James Henry Robinson, Jr., tireless public servant and revered member of the Norfolk 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 Dr. James Henry Robinson, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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