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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

Offered February 25, 2020

Commending the Honorable Rosalyn Randolph Dance.

Patrons—Aird, Adams, D.M., Adams, L.R., Askew, Ayala, Bagby, Bell, Bourne, Brewer, Bulova, Byron, Carr, Carroll Foy, Cole, J.G., Cole, M.L., Cox, Coyner, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Freitas, Gilbert, Gooditis, Guy, Guzman, Hayes, Head, Helmer, Heretick, Herring, Hope, Hudson, Hurst, Jenkins, Jones, Keam, Kilgore, Knight, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Lopez, Marshall, McQuinn, Mullin, Murphy, O'Quinn, Poindexter, Price, Ransone, Rasoul, Robinson, Roem, Samirah, Sickles, Simon, Simonds, Subramanyam, Sullivan, Torian, Tran, Tyler, VanValkenburg, Ward, Ware, Watts and Willett

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rosalyn Randolph Dance, a health care professional and former mayor of Petersburg, served the Commonwealth for 15 years as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a native of Petersburg, Rosalyn Dance was a proud first-generation college student, earning an associate's degree from John Tyler Community College, a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University, a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and an honorary doctorate from Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, Rosalyn Dance pursued a career in health care and worked for 34 years at the Southside Virginia Training Center, where she rose through the ranks from a nurse's aide to a nurse, an interim facility director, and retired as a health care administrator; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Rosalyn Dance ran for and was elected to the Petersburg City Council in 1992 and ultimately served as mayor of Petersburg for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Rosalyn Dance won a special election for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates, representing the residents of the City of Petersburg, part of the City of Hopewell, and the Counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George; and

WHEREAS, Rosalyn Dance won reelection to the Virginia House of Delegates five times and served in that capacity until 2014, when she won a special election to the Senate of Virginia, and she ably represented the residents of the 16th District until January 2020; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as a state lawmaker, Rosalyn Dance introduced and supported numerous important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians, focusing on initiatives to support education and increase public safety; and

WHEREAS, Rosalyn Dance served on numerous committees, including the House Committees on Appropriations, General Laws, Health, Welfare and Institutions, and Privileges and Elections and the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, Commerce and Labor, Finance, and Privileges and Elections; and

WHEREAS, Rosalyn Dance offered her leadership and expertise to numerous state boards and commissions that addressed a wide variety of topics, from the history and heritage of the Commonwealth to health care policy and local government issues; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, Rosalyn Dance will seek new opportunities to serve and strengthen her community and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Honorable Rosalyn Randolph Dance hereby be commended for her achievements on behalf of the residents of Central Virginia over the course of nearly three decades of public service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Rosalyn Randolph Dance as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her legacy of service to the Commonwealth.

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