

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

*Celebrating the life of Ruby Williams Evans.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2020

WHEREAS, Ruby Williams Evans, an active and beloved member of the Dinwiddie community and longtime employee of Virginia State University, died on July 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Ruby Evans attended the Durham Business College in Durham, North Carolina, where she participated in several demonstrations as part of the civil rights movement; despite several jail sentences, she was not deterred in her fight for equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Evans later earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University, where she worked faithfully for over 47 years, assisting innumerable faculty and staff and ensuring a quality education for countless students; today, the Ruby W. Evans Endowed Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to students, honoring her legacy at the institution; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Evans was a Silver Star and a Life Member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., sorority; in recognition of her years of service and support, she received the Graduate Advisor of the Year Award in 2003 at Alpha Kappa Alpha's Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference and the Unsung Hero Award in 2013 from the Petersburg chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in politics throughout her life, Ruby Evans was the president of the Dinwiddie County Democratic Committee from 2007 to 2013, has volunteered at election polls, and assisted with voter registration; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated leader of her community in Dinwiddie, Ruby Evans served as a member of the local branch of the NAACP; the Petersburg Assembly #144 Order of the Golden Circle, for which she served as Loyal Lady Ruler; and the Dinwiddie chapter of the Virginia State University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Evans was guided by her abiding faith to serve others and was a lifelong member of the Rocky Branch Baptist Church, where she served in various capacities, including as Director of the Christian Education Ministry, and was honored as the Rocky Branch Baptist Church Woman of the Year in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Evans will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 53 years, Larry; her children, LaTanja and LaTrease, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ruby Williams Evans, beacon of the Dinwiddie community who touched countless lives through her good words and deeds; 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 Ruby Williams Evans as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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