

20106914D

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Offered February 18, 2020

Celebrating the life of Dorothy G. Gwaltney.

Patron—Brewer

WHEREAS, Dorothy G. Gwaltney, a respected farmer and beloved member of the Windsor community, died on January 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as the matriarch of the family that owns Indika Farms in Windsor, Dorothy "Dot" G. Gwaltney contributed greatly to the peanut industry for which the Commonwealth is famous; and

WHEREAS, Dot Gwaltney and her husband, William, started growing peanuts at Indika Farms in 1956, and grew the operation substantially over the years; even after her sons, William, Jr., and Jesse, took over the family business, Dot Gwaltney continued to help each harvest season; and

WHEREAS, a frequent participant in Isle of Wight County's Farm Day activities, Dot Gwaltney graciously taught countless children about farming and the natural world, sharing decades of experience for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Indika Farm's accomplishments and the value it brings to Isle of Wight County, the business received the 1998 Virginia Clean Water Award from the Department of Conservation and Recreation and was named the 2001 Agricultural Business of the Year by the Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, Dot Gwaltney made an impact in her community through her involvement with the Woman's Club of Windsor, Inc., serving twice as the service organization's president and often as chair of its various committees; and

WHEREAS, Dot Gwaltney proved through the years to be a dependable friend and supportive member of the community, both through her work with organizations like Suffolk Meals on Wheels and Friends of the Blackwater Regional Library and at gatherings such as Bee Friends Quilting Group in Suffolk and Pat's Weekly Scrapbooking Group; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout life by her deep and abiding faith, Dot Gwaltney was an engaged member of the Windsor Congregational Christian Church, where she was involved in the Martha S. Persons Sunday school class, the Women's Fellowship, and Circle #2; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband, William, Dot Gwaltney will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Dianne, Susan, William, Jr., and Jesse, 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 Dorothy G. Gwaltney, an inspiring agriculturalist and cherished member of the Windsor 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 Dorothy G. Gwaltney as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

INTRODUCED

HR87