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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Offered February 25, 2020

Celebrating the life of Naomi R. Francisco.

Patron—Locke

WHEREAS, Naomi R. Francisco, a beloved member of the Hampton community who touched countless lives through her generosity and grace, died on February 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Warwick County, Naomi Francisco attended George P. Phenix High School in Hampton and began her career at a sewing company in Newport News, where she ultimately became a supervisor; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Naomi Francisco married her late husband, Leslie, and after becoming the parents of three sons, the couple rededicated their lives to faith and community service; and

WHEREAS, as first lady of Calvary Mennonite Church, where her husband served as pastor, Naomi Francisco assisted with teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school, directed the children's choir, organized women's activities and prayer groups, and offered her wisdom to the pastor's aide committee for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Naomi and Leslie Francisco subsequently established Calvary Community Church, now known as C3 Hampton, in 1985 to better serve local residents; the couple received the James and Rowena Lark Award from the Mennonite Board of Missions for their creative leadership in evangelism and church development; and

WHEREAS, Naomi Francisco continued her career at Calvary Christian Academy, where she was affectionately known to students as "Grandma" and served as a food service manager; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Leslie II, and a son, Steven, Naomi Francisco will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her sons, Leslie III and Myron, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Naomi R. Francisco, a vibrant member of the Hampton community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Naomi R. Francisco as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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