## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 550**

Commending Annie Eliza Lewis.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 25, 2020

WHEREAS, Annie Eliza Lewis, a beloved member of the Henrico County community, marked her 100th birthday on July 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known to family and friends as "Annie Pie," Annie Lewis was born and raised in eastern Henrico County, where she lovingly raised five children and supported her community for many years; and

WHEREAS, guided by her deep and abiding faith, Annie Lewis is a congregant at St. James Baptist Church in Henrico County, where she has enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Annie Lewis was active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s through her involvement in her church, which worked closely with the NAACP at the time; alongside her family, she provided meals at meetings and events and helped disseminate information throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2020, at St. James Baptist Church, hundreds of friends, family, and local politicians, including Delegate Dolores McQuinn, Senator Joe Morrissey, and former Richmond mayor Dwight C. Jones, held a car parade to honor Annie Lewis; and

WHEREAS, exuding grace, good humor, and kindness while reliably helping anyone in need, Annie Lewis embodies the best of what makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Annie Eliza Lewis, a distinguished citizen of Henrico County, hereby be commended on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Annie Eliza Lewis as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her remarkable life and contributions to the Commonwealth over the past century.