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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 595

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Celebrating the life of Charlotte Melton.

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WHEREAS, Charlotte Melton, a dedicated educator and a vibrant member of the Glen Allen community, died on November 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Melton grew up in Chesterfield County and graduated from D. Webster David High School; she subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from what is now Virginia State University, where she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Melton pursued a career in education, giving students the tools to become lifelong learners and achieve success both in and out of the classroom at public schools in Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Pittsylvania; and

WHEREAS, after a distinguished 39-year career, Charlotte Melton retired from Henrico County Public Schools as the principal of Laburnum Elementary School in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Melton worked to protect and promote the heritage of the Commonwealth as a member of the Henrico County Historical Preservation Advisory Committee, and she organized the first African American pavilion in the Heritage Village at the Virginia State Fair; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime volunteer with the Henrico Christmas program, Charlotte Melton helped provide food, clothing, gifts, and other items to local families in need, and she was selected as the Henrico Christmas Mother in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Melton enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at St. Peter Baptist Church, where she served as a member of the senior ministry and the floral and decorating ministry; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her devoted husband of 60 years, James, Sr., Charlotte Melton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Linda and James, Jr., and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Charlotte Melton, a dedicated educator and a vibrant community member; 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 Charlotte Melton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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