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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 612

Offered January 21, 2021

Commending Beulah E. Thomas.

Patrons—Aird; Senator: Morrissey

WHEREAS, Beulah E. Thomas, a longtime citizen of Petersburg and an active and beloved member of her community, celebrated her 100th birthday in 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Cumberland County, North Carolina, near Fayetteville, Beulah Thomas grew up on a farm with four brothers and four sisters; and

WHEREAS, shortly after Beulah Thomas was born, her family moved to Dinwiddie County in 1923, where they would continue to make a living as farmers over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Beulah Thomas relocated again in 1934, settling in Petersburg, where she has lived happily ever since, establishing a loving community of family, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Beulah Thomas provided domestic services to several Petersburg families over the years to support herself and her family, earning renown for her extraordinary culinary abilities; and

WHEREAS, baptized at the age of 17, Beulah Thomas has been guided throughout her life by her deep and abiding faith; and

WHEREAS, a member of the St. Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Petersburg until she was 60 years old, Beulah Thomas has enjoyed worship and fellowship with the community at Third Baptist Church in Petersburg since 2000; and

WHEREAS, through her quiet and committed devotion to living an honorable and godly life, Beulah Thomas embodies the best of what makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Beulah E. Thomas, a treasured citizen of Petersburg and an exemplary member of the "Greatest Generation," on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Beulah E. Thomas as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for her inspirational contributions to the Commonwealth over the past century.

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