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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 730

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Celebrating the life of the Honorable Edna Elizabeth Keys-Chavis.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Edna Elizabeth Keys-Chavis, an esteemed public servant and beloved member of the Chester community who made history as both the first African American and the first woman to serve as clerk of the Richmond City Council, died on July 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Edna Keys-Chavis grew up in Richmond and graduated from Armstrong High School before studying at Virginia State University, Central Michigan University, and Morgan State University; and

WHEREAS, Edna Keys-Chavis became the clerk of the Richmond City Council in 1990, where she embodied the utmost professionalism and integrity while managing the city's official recordkeeping for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Edna Keys-Chavis's tenure as clerk of the Richmond City Council was characterized by her citizens-oriented approach, making Richmond City Hall more welcoming and accessible to residents; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her myriad contributions to the community, Edna Keys-Chavis was honored with an Outstanding Women Award from YWCA Richmond in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Edna Keys-Chavis will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her daughter, Mickia, 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 the Honorable Edna Elizabeth Keys-Chavis, former clerk of the Richmond City Council and a cherished member of the Chester community whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 the Honorable Edna Elizabeth Keys-Chavis as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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