## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 295**

Celebrating the life of Gloria Bandy.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy, née Gloria Wallica Taylor, was born in Browns, Alabama, to the late Leon and Mary Marsh Taylor, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy attended Virginia Union University and Virginia Seminary College, graduating with honors with a bachelor's degree in English; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy worked as a public school teacher for the Wise County School District and met her future husband, Virgil Bandy; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy married Virgil in 1958 and went on to have five children, Virgil "Kim," Timothy, Terri Lynn, Keri, and Sheri, whom she loved deeply; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy was a committed and engaged member of the Manassas Park community, serving on local boards, parent-teacher associations, and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy was known to love her time spent with family, making a big deal out of family gatherings that always included good food, games, and singing; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy could be seen across the community cheering on her children at football and soccer games, piano recitals, marching band competitions, parades, Girl Scouts meetings, and wrestling matches; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy was a member for more than 50 years at First Baptist Church in Manassas, where she attended services and held offices, such as church clerk; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy made history as the first African American general registrar in the Northern Virginia region in 1975 and honorably administered elections in the City of Manassas Park for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bandy touched countless lives in her community through her rich civic involvements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gloria Bandy; 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 Gloria Bandy as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.