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Celebrating the life of Jamile J. Hill.

Patrons—Hayes, Adams, D.M., Carr, Cole, M.L., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Kory, McQuinn, Rasoul, Reid, Scott, Simonds and Ware; Senators: Boysko, Howell, Marsden, Reeves and Spruill

WHEREAS, Jamile J. Hill, a beloved member of the Chesapeake community who inspired many through her boundless joy and determination to succeed, died on October 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Jamile Hill overcame physical and mental health challenges throughout her life to become a shining example of what one can achieve through hard work and belief in oneself; and

WHEREAS, Jamile Hill attended Chesapeake Public Schools and Rivermont School while growing up and ultimately earned an associate's degree in social sciences from Tidewater Community College, posting a 3.7 grade point average and graduating magna cum laude; and

WHEREAS, an engaged citizen who was committed to making a difference, Jamile Hill was active with the Chesapeake Democratic Committee and proudly campaigned on behalf of President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, Jamile Hill was a child care provider at the YMCA of South Hampton Roads, working hard to ensure that the children in her ward were safe and entertained every time they visited; and

WHEREAS, Jamile Hill mentored six children with special needs, using her own triumphs as motivation for them to trust in their abilities and strive to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished athlete with Special Olympics Virginia, Jamile Hill won several medals over the years in basketball, track and field, roller skating, and ice speed skating, while bravely participating in the organization's Polar Plunge event 10 years in a row; and

WHEREAS, in response to Jamile Hill's untimely passing, legislation was introduced to expand the criteria for the Virginia Missing Person with Autism Alert Program, helping to make the Commonwealth safer for all; and

WHEREAS, Jamile Hill will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her parents, Shawn, Dennis, Sr., Melvin, Jr., Clarence, and Towanda; her siblings, Imani, Nia, Kamerie, and Tylen; 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 Jamile J. Hill, a cherished member of the Chesapeake community whose unwavering optimism and kindness 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 Jamile J. Hill as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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