

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 743

Celebrating the life of Marlene West Randall.

Agreed to by the Senate, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, Marlene West Randall, a distinguished educator and civic leader in the City of Portsmouth, died on April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Randall was raised in South Norfolk and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School at the age of 15 before earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Virginia State University, a master's degree in early childhood education from Columbia University, certificates in administration and supervision from the University of Virginia and Old Dominion University, and a doctoral degree in education administration from Nova University; and

WHEREAS, motivated by a love of learning and education, Marlene Randall served as an educator and administrator with the Portsmouth Public School System, retiring with distinction after 38 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Randall was elected to the Portsmouth City Council in 2002, becoming the second African American woman to serve on the Council; she served as a member of the Council for 12 years, including one term as vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Randall offered her leadership and expertise to many boards, commissions, and community organizations, including as a gubernatorial appointee to the Criminal Justice Services Board, and received numerous awards and accolades for her good work and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Vernon; Marlene Randall will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Ricardo, Veronica, and Michelle, and their families; as well as numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Marlene West Randall, a distinguished educator and civic leader who touched countless lives through service to her community and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Marlene West Randall as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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