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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 70

Offered March 1, 2022

Commending the Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler ably represented the residents of the 75th District in the Virginia House of Delegates for more than 14 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Emporia, Roslyn Tyler served on the Sussex County Board of Supervisors from 1984 to 1995 and was the first African American woman to become chair, earning admiration for her effective leadership and commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Roslyn Tyler ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 2005 and was the first person of color to represent the 75th District since 1880; and

WHEREAS, during her distinguished tenure as a state lawmaker, Roslyn Tyler introduced and supported numerous important pieces of legislation to benefit her constituents and all Virginians, taking a special interest in education and public safety; and

WHEREAS, as one of her first bills, Roslyn Tyler supported salary increases for teachers in the Commonwealth, and she subsequently championed funding for early childhood education, expansion of broadband Internet, support for Medicaid, increasing Virginia's minimum wage, and the protection of hunting rights; and

WHEREAS, Roslyn Tyler offered her leadership and expertise to the Appropriations, General Laws, Labor and Commerce, Public Safety, and Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committees; she was the first African American woman to serve as chair of the Education Committee and chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Compensation and General Government; and

WHEREAS, Roslyn Tyler was the first African American woman to serve as chair of the Virginia Rural Center and vice chair of the Legislative Sportsman's Caucus, and she was a valued member of several other state and regional commissions and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Roslyn Tyler served the Commonwealth with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler hereby be commended for her achievements as a member of the House of Delegates; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her service to the Commonwealth.

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