

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 308

Celebrating the life of Maureen T. Norman.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Maureen T. Norman, an esteemed professor of mathematics at Patrick Henry Community College and a beloved member of the Martinsville and Petersburg communities, died on January 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman attended the historic Peabody High School in Petersburg and later Matoaca High School in Chesterfield County, where she graduated in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman studied diligently and earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Virginia State University in 1970 and 1974, respectively, becoming a proud member of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., along the way; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman embarked upon an illustrious career as a math teacher at Thompson Middle School in Richmond in 1970 and taught at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College for approximately five years before continuing her postgraduate education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman ultimately joined the faculty at Patrick Henry Community College (PHCC) in the early 1980s, working tirelessly for the benefit of her students until her retirement in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman was a compassionate and dedicated educator who found immense joy in helping her students learn and understand new and unfamiliar mathematical concepts; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman took great pride in serving as advisor to the Black Student Association at PHCC and cherished the many positive relationships she developed with her students over her career; and

WHEREAS, in honor of her professional accomplishments, Maureen Norman was recognized as a National Teacher of the Year for Community College Professors; in May 2018, she received professor emeritus status from PHCC; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman was notably the first African American professor hired at PHCC, a distinction that was commemorated by the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman was a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority who was active over the years with both the Martinsville Alumnae Chapter and later the Petersburg Alumnae Chapter, serving a term with the former as chapter president; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman was a person of deep faith who enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Martinsville for more than 25 years and then with her community at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Petersburg for the past 12 years, serving both congregations in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Norman will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband, James; her children, Yvette, Brent, Nakeshia, Tonya, Brandi, and Jami, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Maureen T. Norman, a cherished member of the Martinsville and Petersburg communities whose light brightened 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 Maureen T. Norman as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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