

1996 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 331

On the death of Ada Belch Petty.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1996
Agreed to by the Senate, February 29, 1996

WHEREAS, Ada Belch Petty, a prominent Newport News community leader and Peninsula Woman of the Year in 1957, died on January 22, 1996; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Peninsula and educated at Lynchburg College and Columbia University, Ada Petty taught in the Warwick County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ada Petty was a member of the Warwick County School Board for over 10 years until the consolidation of Warwick County and the City of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, a former president of the Hilton Village Woman's Club, Ada Petty was selected as one of the honorary board members of the Newport News YWCA, serving as chairman of its building fund; and

WHEREAS, Ada Petty was a charter member of Hilton Christian Church, where she remained active for over 40 years, and served as president of the Christian Woman's Fellowship and as vice president of the United Council of Church Women; and

WHEREAS, a woman of varied interests and a member of many choirs and glee clubs in the area, Ada Petty was a founding member of the Newport News Operatic Society and took part in many of the society's early productions; and

WHEREAS, Ada Petty was named an honorary trustee for life by her alma mater Lynchburg College, which awarded her the Thomas Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award in honor of her alumni leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ada Belch Petty leaves an enviable legacy of achievement in a variety of fields, of dedication to education and of service to her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of a fine Virginian, Ada Belch Petty; 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 Ada Belch Petty as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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