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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 317

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*Celebrating the life of Delessie Hall Floyd Dempsey.*

Patron—Miller, Y.B.

WHEREAS, Delessie Hall Floyd Dempsey of Norfolk, a beloved and respected citizen and a devoted community supporter, died on May 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lumberton, North Carolina, Delessie "Dee" Dempsey was born on March 30, 1922, to the late Albert and Eula McKinley Hall; grew up and graduated from high school in Robeson County in North Carolina; and married the now late Daniel P. Floyd; and

WHEREAS, though a busy and devoted wife and mother, Dee Dempsey was determined to also have a rewarding career, so she decided to continue her education and graduated from Vassar Beauty College; and

WHEREAS, after the death of her first husband, Dee Dempsey married William Dempsey in 1985; and

WHEREAS, always willing to help her neighbors in need in any way she could, Dee Dempsey joined Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member for over 60 years, served as a deaconess and trustee, and was active in the church's many worthy causes and missions in the Norfolk area; and

WHEREAS, Dee Dempsey was very supportive of her fellow residents and her beloved City of Norfolk, and she received numerous accolades over the years for her many contributions to her community; and

WHEREAS, Dee Dempsey will be fondly remembered "as a kind and gentle lady with caring ways" and greatly missed by her husband, William; her two daughters, DeAnna and Norma Jean, and two sons, Alvin and Joseph, and their beautiful families; and her many friends and admirers in Norfolk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a fine Virginian, Delessie Hall Floyd Dempsey; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Delessie Hall Floyd Dempsey as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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