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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 414

Offered March 5, 2010

Celebrating the life of Anna Leola Jones Studivant.

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WHEREAS, Anna Leola Jones Studivant of Lawrenceville, a respected citizen and outstanding community leader, died on February 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Anna Jones Studivant was born on December 8, 1941, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Reatherbell Jones and Paris A. Jones, and graduated from West Philadelphia High School and the Philadelphia College of Design; and

WHEREAS, Anna Jones Studivant received further design and garment-making training at the Labor Lead School, Pennsylvania State University, and with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU), which at the time was one of the largest labor unions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a talented dressmaker and hat designer and a natural leader, Anna Jones Studivant had a strong work ethic and was employed by an ILGWU garment shop, and in a short period of time was elected a union chairperson and assisted in negotiating hours and piece rates on behalf of her fellow workers; and

WHEREAS, Anna Leola Jones married George H. Studivant on October 14, 1989, and the couple were happily married for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Anna Jones Studivant was a tremendous supporter of her husband, Bishop Studivant, and his ministry at the Reformed Zion Union Apostolic (RZUA) Church; and

WHEREAS, as first lady of the RZUA Church, Anna Jones Studivant was a mother figure to many members of the congregation; she was deeply committed to helping others, serving in a multitude of leadership positions, including the Library Committee, the Youth Summer Program, the Women's Leadership Conference, the First Sunday Service Committee, the Rainbow Tea Organization, and the Minister's Husbands and Wives Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, a bold and knowledgeable spokesperson, Anna Jones Studivant made her mark outside of the RZUA Church as well, becoming an advocate for workers' rights and a liaison for the ILGWU with leaders and lawmakers on the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, touching the lives of hundreds of people, Anna Jones Studivant worked for over 30 years for the Virginia Coworkers Local 235 of the ILGWU, retiring in 1997, and served as the 4th district president of the Democratic Party of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Anna Leola Jones Studivant will be fondly remembered for her kind and generous nature and will be greatly missed by her devoted husband, Bishop George H. Studivant; her five stepchildren, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her two sisters, her brother, and a host of other relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Anna Leola Jones Studivant; 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 Anna Leola Jones Studivant as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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