

# 2011 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 535

*Celebrating the life of Lillie Mae Hart.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, July 29, 2011

WHEREAS, Lillie Mae Hart, a dedicated public servant and the former Clerk of the Circuit Court for the City of Chesapeake, died on July 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee, Lillie "Lil" Hart gained valuable legal experience working as a legal secretary and for a Franklin County, Tennessee, Circuit Court judge before she moved to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 1953 Lil Hart became deputy clerk of the Corporation Court of South Norfolk, before the City of South Norfolk's consolidation, along with Norfolk County, into the City of Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, Lil Hart became the deputy clerk of the Circuit Court for the new City of Chesapeake and was later appointed as clerk, a position she held until her retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Circuit Court, Lil Hart worked with great devotion and professionalism to ensure the business of the court proceeded in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized for her extensive experience, Lil Hart taught classes on probate at Tidewater Community College, conducted seminars for Legal Secretaries Associations and local bar associations, and was an active member of the Virginia Court Clerks' Association; and

WHEREAS, a respected member of the community, Lil Hart was actively involved with the Business and Professional Women's Club, serving as charter president of the Southside Branch and as recording secretary for District VI of the state organization; she also served on the board of directors of the Women's Division of the Chesapeake Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Lil Hart generously gave of her time and talents to numerous organizations in the community, including the Chesapeake General Hospital Auxiliary, Chesapeake Jail Ministry board, Pilot Club, and local Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Lil Hart was a member of the Chesapeake Democratic Committee, founder and charter president of the Chesapeake Democratic Women, and a former member of the Fourth Congressional District Democratic Committee and the Democratic Party of Virginia State Central Committee; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of Chesapeake Avenue United Methodist Church, Lil Hart served on the church's board of trustees and sang in the choir for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Lil Hart received numerous awards and accolades for her exemplary service to the community, including the Community Builder Award by the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons and the Chesapeake Jaycees' prestigious "First Citizen" award; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Norman, Lil Hart will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughter, Sharon, and her family, including two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, 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 an admired public servant, Lillie Mae Hart; 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 Lillie Mae Hart as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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