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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

Offered February 14, 2018

Celebrating the life of Pearl Speller White.

Patron—Lindsey

WHEREAS, Pearl Speller White, a beloved mother and an active citizen who gave generously of her time in service to the residents of Norfolk, died on January 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in Norfolk, Pearl "Pam" Speller White graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and Tidewater Community College; she later forged a successful career working for the federal government; and

WHEREAS, following her retirement, Pam White became an entrepreneur, a world traveler, and an activist; she devoted herself to numerous community and civic causes in the Norfolk area, including serving as president of the Olde Huntersville Civic League from 2009 to 2013 and as a board member for the Optima Health Southside Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, along with volunteering her time as an ombudsman for Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, Pam White also served as a community advocate and volunteer with Norfolk Public Schools and the Education Association of Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Norfolk City Democratic Committee, Pam White assisted with voter registration efforts, the restoration of voting rights, and early voting for seniors; and

WHEREAS, Pam White was a former member of the NAACP and was active in the Berkley Historical Society and the Vallerret Ladies Club; she attended the Norfolk Police Department's Citizens Police Academy and was a 2011 graduate of the Project Inclusion Board Governance Leadership Development Program; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her son, Michael, Pam White will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her two daughters, Karen and Katrina, and their families; her adopted sons, Keith and Phillip; and many other family members, friends, and members of the Norfolk community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Pearl Speller White, a dedicated citizen who served the residents of Norfolk; 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 Pearl Speller White as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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