

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

*Celebrating the life of Ruth E. Jones.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2018

WHEREAS, Ruth E. Jones, a woman of deep and abiding faith and an active resident of Richmond, died on February 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Henrico County, Ruth Jones graduated from Virginia Randolph Community High School and continued her education at the University of Richmond through Philip Morris management development programs; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Jones pursued a long career with Philip Morris, becoming the first African American woman to serve as a manufacturing supervisor at the company's Richmond plant; she retired in 1987 after 26 years of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Jones enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a longtime member of Cedar Street Baptist Church of God, where she served as co-chair of the deaconess ministry, a Sunday school teacher, and a former royal usher; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Jones was also a member of the church's Baptist Training Union, which helps people become better Christians and leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Jones will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her devoted husband of 70 years, Joseph; her children, Iris and Joseph, and their families; 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 Ruth E. Jones, a devout Richmond resident who made many contributions to the community; 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 Ruth E. Jones as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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