18106651D SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 163

Offered February 20, 2018

Celebrating the life of Corine Brown Bennett.

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WHEREAS, Corine Brown Bennett, a vibrant member of the Richmond community who dedicated her life to the service of others as a deaconess at Sixth Baptist Church, died on January 14, 2018, at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, a longtime Richmond resident, Corine Bennett made her career as a domestic worker, professional silk finisher, and a receptionist for Richmond Community Action Program; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic volunteer and a natural leader, Corine Bennett made many contributions to local service organizations and was especially active in the senior living community; and

WHEREAS, guided by her faith, Corine Bennett was a devout member of Sixth Baptist Church for more than 75 years, serving as a deaconess and offering her leadership to several ministries; and

WHEREAS, Corine Bennett took part in Ladies Bible Class, Ladies Board One Ushers Ministry, and the United Sisterhood; she also organized the Randolph Place Bible Fellowship for more than 30 years and served as Mother of Converts for more than 16 years; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Ernest, and two sons, Warner and Nathaniel, Corine Bennett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughters, Frances and Ernestine; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Corine Brown Bennett; and, be it

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