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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Offered January 27, 2020

Celebrating the life of Esmond B. Lambert.

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WHEREAS, Esmond B. Lambert, a respected entrepreneur and a beloved member of the Portsmouth community, died on November 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, after proudly graduating from I.C. Norcom High School, Esmond Lambert continued her education at Norfolk State University; and

WHEREAS, Esmond Lambert pursued a career as a tailor in Hampton Roads and parlayed her reputation for skill and professionalism into her own tailoring shop, the Red Barn in Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, outside of her business, Esmond Lambert was active in the community as a member of the Martha Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia, Prince Hall Affiliation; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout faith, Esmond Lambert enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of First Baptist Church South Portsmouth for more than 80 years; and

WHEREAS, Esmond Lambert was an active volunteer in her church community and offered her wise leadership to the Bible Training Union, the Junior Usher Board, the TOTS Choir, and the Deaconess Board; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Harvey, Esmond Lambert will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Esmond, Vincent, and David, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Esmond B. Lambert, a bright light in the Portsmouth community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Esmond B. Lambert as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.