

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 635

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dr. Faye Savage Gunn.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, October 16, 2020

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Faye Savage Gunn, a pastor, teacher, community leader, and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother in Alexandria, died on August 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Faye Gunn was born on August 23, 1942, in Accomac; in 1959, she left her hometown to attend Norfolk State University; later, she received a Master of Education degree from Bowie State University, a Master of Divinity degree from the School of Religion at Virginia Union University, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Faye Gunn began her teaching career in Accomack County Public Schools in 1964, later relocating to Alexandria City Public Schools, and contributed greatly to the success of her students both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Faye Gunn joined the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria in 1971, where she was ordained on November 23, 1984, and served as the assistant pastor until her retirement on July 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, through her work with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and as a conference preacher for the Women's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Faye Gunn spoke with and supported countless women across the country; and

WHEREAS, speaking at cancer awareness events for the Washington Hospital Center and Howard University Hospital, Faye Gunn uplifted untold numbers of individuals and families coping with difficult health circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Faye Gunn was an officer and member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and a Cub Scout den mother with the Boy Scouts of America, fostering the healthy and well-rounded growth and development of her children and others; and

WHEREAS, Faye Gunn was actively engaged in social organizations benefiting the community, serving as president of the Alpha Wives of Prince George's County, Maryland, and as a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her efforts in service to others, Faye Gunn received the Ebone Image Award from the Northern Virginia chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., in 1991 and the James L. Anderson Award from the Northern Virginia Urban League in 1999; as a member of the board of trustees of the Nannie Helen Burroughs School in Washington, D.C., Faye Gunn was honored for outstanding and dedicated service in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Faye Gunn will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by her husband, Fred; her sons, Kelvin and Rodney; her sister, Marsha; her brothers, Ivan and Ronald; her grandchildren, DauVeen, Kyle, Kapri, Kolter, Kolin, Kayla, Darah, Zachary, and Bryce; and her great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Daubrey, Leila, Luce, Emrie, and Omere; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Dr. Faye Savage Gunn, an ever-present figure in her community and in the lives of those around her, who led her community both in spirit and in the pursuit of wisdom; 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 the Reverend Dr. Faye Savage Gunn as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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