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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 739

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Celebrating the life of Carolyn Louise Johnson.

Patrons—McQuinn, Adams, D.M., Carr, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Rasoul, Reid, Scott and Simonds

WHEREAS, Carolyn Louise Johnson, a beloved Richmond Public Schools educator for a half-century and vital member of the Richmond community, died on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a Richmond native, Carolyn Johnson was educated in Richmond Public Schools and graduated from Armstrong High School and Virginia State College, receiving a bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Carolyn Johnson began teaching at Carver Elementary School before transferring to J.B. Fisher Elementary School, where she would teach until her retirement; over her career, she demonstrated a true love of teaching, ensuring that students could continue learning beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Johnson was a descendant of the original 13 families of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Richmond, which was built on land given by her grandmother Charity Booker; Carolyn Johnson would take an active role in her new church, serving as the coordinator of First Penance and First Eucharist for more than 50 years and in numerous leadership and secretarial roles; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Johnson's commitment to her community extended to numerous other organizations; as a student at Virginia State University, she joined the Alpha Epsilon chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and then the Upsilon chapter in Richmond, becoming a Golden Member with more than 50 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, as chairperson of the Debutante and Awards Committee, Carolyn Johnson made an indelible impression on the young women who participated in numerous debutante balls; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her brother Charles, Carolyn Johnson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her siblings, Shirley, Yvonne, Lincoln, Jr., and Deborah, and their families, and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Carolyn Louise Johnson, a dedicated teacher and beloved member of the Richmond 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 Carolyn Louise Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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