

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 540

Offered February 23, 2021

*Celebrating the life of Flossie Rebecca Branchcomb.*

Patron—Lucas

WHEREAS, Flossie Rebecca Branchcomb, a trailblazing member of the Norfolk community and a beloved mother and grandmother, died on January 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Norfolk, Flossie Branchcomb was one of 16 children born to Benjamin and Susie Fuller; and

WHEREAS, Flossie Branchcomb broke racial and gender barriers as the first African American woman to become a welder foreman in Norfolk Naval Shipyard Shop 26; and

WHEREAS, Flossie Branchcomb retired from Norfolk Naval Shipyard after three decades of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep faith, Flossie Branchcomb was a trustee of New Testament Baptist Church early in her life and later enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of St. Thomas African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by two sons, George and Benjamin, Flossie Branchcomb will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Alvah, Annazette, Alfred, and Harold, 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 Flossie Rebecca Branchcomb; and, be it

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

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