

## 2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 719

Offered June 1, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Mary Viola Roberts Lampkin Brown.*

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WHEREAS, Mary Viola Roberts Lampkin Brown, a beloved member of the Berryville community, who at the age of 110 years and 229 days was the oldest person in Virginia, died on May 21, 2022; and WHEREAS, born in Hume in 1911, Viola Brown was a witness to history, from World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II, to the Moon Landing and triumphs of the Civil Rights Movement, and through incredible societal and technological changes in the new millennium; and

WHEREAS, in 1918, Viola Brown moved with her family to Webbtown, where at the age of seven, she began working as a domestic service worker at Springfield Farm; and

WHEREAS, Viola Brown married John Strange Lampkin and settled in the Josephine City community south of Berryville where she resided for the rest of her life; she worked as a cook at a home in Berryville, The Knoll, and later returned to work as a cook at Springfield Farm; and

WHEREAS, after John Lampkin's death, Viola Brown married the Reverend Paul Brown, who was the pastor of Zion Baptist Church; she served the church community as a longtime Sunday school teacher and was passionate about supporting young people as manager of the church's youth department; and

WHEREAS, Viola Brown was guided by her deep faith and asked for guidance so she could "do something to help those less fortunate"; she inspired others through her selflessness, commitment to service, spirit of gratitude, and generosity; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her first husband, John; her second husband, Paul; her son, Shelby; and one grandson, Mike, Viola Brown will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughter, Vonceil; her daughter-in-law, Dorothy; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Mary Viola Roberts Lampkin Brown, a supercentenarian in Berryville who touched countless lives through her kindness and grace; 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 Mary Viola Roberts Lampkin Brown as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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