

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 726

Celebrating the life of Doris Brunette Harris Watson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Doris Brunette Harris Watson, a devoted educator and a beloved member of the Newport News community, died on March 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Doris Watson was born in Lunenburg County and later moved to Newport News, where she graduated with honors from Collis P. Huntington High School; and

WHEREAS, Doris Watson earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia State College and a master's degree from the Hampton Institute; she then pursued a career in education; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 35 years, Doris Watson mentored and inspired young people as a teacher at Newsome Park Elementary School, Carver Elementary School, Magruder Elementary School, and Dunbar-Erwin Elementary School, as well as Peninsula Business College; and

WHEREAS, Doris Watson enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church for more than five decades; she held many leadership positions, including president of the Progressive Women's Club and manager of the Sunday lunch program for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Doris Watson's outstanding contributions to the congregation, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church rededicated its parish hall as the Doris H. Watson Hall in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Doris Watson was also an active and devoted member of the Newport News Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her beloved husband of 56 years, Roger, Doris Watson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her son, Roger, Jr., and his family, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Doris Brunette Harris Watson, a highly admired education and community leader in Newport News; 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 Doris Brunette Harris Watson as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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