

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 752

Commending Evelyn Stearns Turner.

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

WHEREAS, Evelyn Stearns Turner, a highly admired community leader in Deltaville, celebrates her 100th birthday in 2022; and

WHEREAS, born on July 14, 1922, Evelyn Turner grew up in Richmond and married Andrew Lucius Turner of Roanoke in 1943; she became an active volunteer in Roanoke and touched countless lives through her commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, among her many endeavors, Evelyn Turner supported education as a member of the Jefferson High School Advisory Commission and as a trustee at Ferrum College, and she supported the musical arts as a board member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Turner enhanced community life in Roanoke through her work with the Mill Mountain Garden Club and the Roanoke Civic Center Advisory Board and as chair of the Jubilee Belles for the Roanoke Diamond Jubilee; and

WHEREAS, during her many years in Roanoke, Evelyn Turner volunteered her time with the Junior League of Roanoke Valley, the Miss Virginia Pageant, and the Pastoral Counseling Center of Roanoke Board; she also enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of First Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Women's Missionary Union; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Deltaville in later life, Evelyn Turner offered her leadership to the Deltaville Civic Association, oversaw the production of a book about local history, and helped establish the Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park; and

WHEREAS, the fountain at the Deltaville Maritime Museum and its Turner Lecture Series were named after Evelyn Turner and her husband in recognition of their legacy of contributions to the museum; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Turner has imparted her kindness, generosity, and grace to her children Sydney Marshall, Drew, Leslie, Courtney, Bob, and Mike, as well as to her 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Evelyn Stearns Turner, a vibrant member of the Deltaville community, be commended on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Evelyn Stearns Turner as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her lifetime of achievements and service to her community.

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