

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 688

Celebrating the life of Taleshia L. Chandler.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Taleshia L. Chandler, a vibrant member of the Richmond community who touched countless lives through her faith leadership and generosity, died on August 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, Taleshia Chandler graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, then earned master's and doctoral degrees from Walden University in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Taleshia Chandler pursued a 22-year career in education, beginning as a French teacher with Baltimore City Public Schools; she later served as an adjunct psychology instructor for the University of Phoenix and most recently served as the administrative dean of the Amelia Street School in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Taleshia Chandler's husband, Anthony, became the pastor of New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Baltimore; the couple enjoyed eight years with the congregation until they became the pastor and first lady of Cedar Street Baptist Church of God in Union Hill; and

WHEREAS, as first lady of Cedar Street Baptist Church of God, Taleshia Chandler was an integral part of the congregation's music ministry and released an inspirational song, "I Win" in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Taleshia Chandler also authored two books about her personal experiences with cancer, *A Divine Detour: From Doctorate to Diagnosis to Destiny* and *Sparkling through Adversity: Traveling through Life's Toughest Journeys with Style, Grace & Shine!*, and touched countless lives across the country by sharing her message of hope and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Taleshia Chandler will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 25 years, Anthony; her children, Anthony II, Alysha, and Andrew, 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 Taleshia L. Chandler; and, be it

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

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