

# 2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 690

Offered September 7, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Carol LaVerne Elliott King.*

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WHEREAS, Carol LaVerne Elliott King, an esteemed nurse and advocate and a lifelong and beloved member of the Portsmouth community, died on August 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a member of the I.C. Norcom High School Class of 1967 and the I.C. Norcom Greyhounds Band, Carol King would go on to graduate from nursing school in Portsmouth before embarking upon a distinguished career in health care; and

WHEREAS, Carol King started working first at Portsmouth General Hospital and later joined the staff at the former Naval Hospital Portsmouth, earning several recognitions over the years for her service; and

WHEREAS, with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Carol King continued her studies, earning an associate's degree from Tidewater Community College, a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Norfolk State University, and a certificate from Union Christian Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, Carol King honed her skills as a caregiver by acquiring a certification as a healing touch practitioner from Healing Touch International, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Carol King served the Commonwealth honorably as a medical officer with the Virginia Defense Force, attaining the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Red Hat Society, whose members are commonly referred to as Red Hatters, Carol King took immeasurable joy in forming meaningful and lasting bonds with other women in her community; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her exceptional leadership and expertise, Carol King received appointments from Governors George Allen and Jim Gilmore to the Board of Nursing and later an appointment from Governor Mark Warner to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; and

WHEREAS, a passionate and effective advocate for older adults, Carol King served on the board of the Southeastern Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and frequently provided testimony to members of both the General Assembly and the United States Congress to advance causes that were important to her; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Carol King enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Zion Baptist Church in Portsmouth for many years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, Joe, Jr., Carol King will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her son, Joe III, and his family; her sisters, Demetra and Miriam; 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 Carol LaVerne Elliott King, an accomplished nurse and advocate whose devotion to caring for others touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Carol LaVerne Elliott King as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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