2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 692

Celebrating the life of Margaret Ann McDaniel.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Margaret Ann McDaniel, an accomplished educator and advocate and an active and beloved member of the Portsmouth community, died on August 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by many as "Peggy," Margaret McDaniel was raised in a family of nine children and graduated from I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, where she was a majorette in the school's marching band; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Margaret McDaniel was employed at William E. Waters Middle School in Portsmouth, where her hard work and initiative led to a position as a teacher's aide in the school's home economics course; and

WHEREAS, Margaret McDaniel was a tireless advocate for her Cavalier Manor community in Portsmouth, securing better street lighting, greater police presence, and sidewalks for the neighborhood she called home; and

WHEREAS, Margaret McDaniel was known and respected throughout her community for reliably being the first to offer aid and comfort to the sick or words of encouragement to the youth; and

WHEREAS, Margaret McDaniel's caring nature was evident in everything she did, such as hosting big meals for friends and family, sewing costumes or uniforms for the benefit of others, and more; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her gifts as a communicator, Margaret McDaniel received an official reply from the White House, signed by former President William J. Clinton and former First Lady Hillary Clinton, following a letter she wrote expressing her appreciation for their service; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Margaret McDaniel served with various ministries in Portsmouth, including at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, New Mount Olivet Baptist Church, and Ebenezer Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Margaret McDaniel will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband of 64 years, David, Sr.; her sons, David, Jr., and Larry, 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 Margaret Ann McDaniel, a cherished member of the Portsmouth community whose kindness and generosity 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 Margaret Ann McDaniel as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.