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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 570

Offered January 20, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Priscilla Juliette Davenport.*

Patrons—Hodges; Senator: McDougle

WHEREAS, Priscilla Juliette Davenport, former Middlesex County Commissioner of the Revenue and a cherished member of the Middlesex County community, died on October 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Manhattan, New York City, Priscilla Davenport, affectionately known as "Bonnie," was an accountant for Columbia Pictures for two decades and later a representative of the New York State Federal Credit Union League; and

WHEREAS, upon settling in Middlesex in 1987, Bonnie Davenport became an active member of her community, serving on the Middlesex Planning Commission for 14 years and with the Middlesex Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Davenport joined the office of the Middlesex County Commissioner of the Revenue in 1997 as a part-time employee and, over 11 years, worked her way up through the ranks of chief deputy and master deputy before ultimately running for the position of commissioner of the revenue; and

WHEREAS, first elected as commissioner of the revenue in 2008, Bonnie Davenport became the first African American woman to hold a county constitutional office in Middlesex and went on to serve three terms; and

WHEREAS, certified as a Master Commissioner of the Revenue by the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia and the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Bonnie Davenport worked tirelessly to ensure the proper and responsible administration of her duties as Middlesex County Commissioner of the Revenue, greatly benefiting the county's residents; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her abiding faith, Bonnie Davenport enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Grafton Baptist Church in Hartfield; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her son, Wayne, Bonnie Davenport will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her beloved husband of more than 65 years, John; her eldest son, John, and her sons' families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Priscilla Juliette Davenport, a dedicated public servant and former Middlesex County Commissioner of the Revenue; 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 Priscilla Juliette Davenport as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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