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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 256

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Celebrating the life of Gayle Marie Hill-Johnson.

Patron—Ward

WHEREAS, Gayle Marie Hill-Johnson, an esteemed nurse, respected faith leader, and beloved member of the Newport News community, died on November 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Menchville High School in Newport News, Gayle Hill-Johnson earned an associate's degree in licensed practical nursing in 1975 from what was then Christopher Newport College; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson pursued her educational and professional ambitions throughout her life, obtaining a bachelor's degree in nursing from Old Dominion University in 1988 and a master's degree in nursing from Hampton University in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson's accomplished career as a nurse spanned more than 45 years and included posts at the former Hampton General Hospital from 1975 to 1988, the former Newport News General Hospital from 1988 to 1992, and Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth from 1992 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson served the country honorably as a nurse and member of the United States Army Reserves, contributing greatly to the nation's defense and readiness; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson supported many future nurses as director of the Nursing Resource Center at the Hampton University School of Nursing from 2003 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson concluded her nursing career as a nurse practitioner with the Southeastern Virginia Health System, working tirelessly to ensure the well-being of her patients and retiring in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson advanced her profession as an active and distinguished member of the Chi Eta Phi nursing sorority, the Sigma Theta Tau international honor society of nurses, and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Gayle Hill-Johnson was a founding member and trustee of Holy Hills of Zion Church in Hampton and was licensed as a minister in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson supported her church's congregation and its mission by serving as an adult Sunday school teacher for many years and by ministering to underprivileged and homeless families and individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Hill-Johnson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband of 48 years, Norman; her daughters, Leonda and Naneika, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gayle Marie Hill-Johnson, a cherished member of the Newport News community whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Gayle Marie Hill-Johnson as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.