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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 371

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Celebrating the life of Blanche Holmes Moore.

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WHEREAS, Blanche Holmes Moore, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother and longtime member of the Henrico County community, who notably served as Henrico Christmas Mother in 2021, died on January 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Virginia Union University, Blanche Moore greatly served Henrico County Public Schools as an account clerk in the division's central office for many years, assisting with the Title I program and managing nearly \$8 million in grant funds for the benefit of countless students; and

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Blanche Moore gave generously of her time and talents with various local civic and church organizations, including Senior Connections, the Capital Area Agency on Aging, and First Shiloh Baptist Church of Mechanicsville, where she supported the church's youth and finance ministries; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Blanche Moore was named Henrico Christmas Mother by the Henrico Christmas Mother Council, an organization she had served in various leadership positions since 2015, becoming only the fourth African American to fill this important and distinguished role since the council was founded in 1942; and

WHEREAS, as Henrico Christmas Mother, Blanche Moore oversaw efforts to distribute toys, books, new clothing, food, and other items to more than a thousand families, senior citizens, and disabled adults in need during the holidays, while also spearheading the council's fundraising and promotional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, to bring awareness to the work of the Henrico Christmas Mother Council, Blanche Moore appeared often before schools, churches, and community organizations and also participated in a number of parades in the Greater Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Blanche Moore enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at St. Peter Baptist Church in Glen Allen for many years, helping the church's missions and evangelism ministry and its work with the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Blanche Moore will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her devoted husband of 53 years, Roland; her children, Tamra and Chris, 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 Blanche Holmes Moore, a cherished member of the Henrico County community whose legacy of service is an inspiration to all who knew her; 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 Blanche Holmes Moore as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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