

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 489

*Celebrating the life of Karen Sabrina Hardy-Newby.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2023

WHEREAS, Karen Sabrina Hardy-Newby, who provided compassionate service to families in need as a funeral director at Poole's Funeral Home, died on December 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Surry, Karen Sabrina "Brina" Hardy-Newby attended Surry County Public Schools and graduated from Denbigh High School in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, Brina Hardy-Newby studied at what is now Virginia State University, then transferred to John Tyler Community College to pursue a degree in mortuary science; she completed an internship with Bland Funeral Homes and worked there for a few years before pursuing other career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Brina Hardy-Newby ultimately returned to the funeral profession and worked at Cooke Brothers Funeral Chapel in Newport News before joining the family business, Poole's Funeral Home in Surry County; and

WHEREAS, Brina Hardy-Newby was the fourth generation in her family to work at Poole's Funeral Home, which was founded in 1890 and is the oldest Black-owned business in Surry County; she served members of the community with the utmost kindness, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Brina Hardy-Newby offered her leadership and expertise to the Virginia Morticians' Association, and she received many awards and accolades for her professional achievements, including the 2022 Distinguished Service Award from the Peninsula Funeral Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep faith, Brina Hardy-Newby was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in her youth and joined the United House of Prayer for All People in later life; she was passionate about music and shared her joyful singing voice with others as a member of several church and community choirs; and

WHEREAS, Brina Hardy-Newby will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by the Poole, Hardy, and Newby families and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Karen Sabrina Hardy-Newby; 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 Karen Sabrina Hardy-Newby as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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