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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 448

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Celebrating the life of the Honorable Flora Lonette Davis Crittenden.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Flora Lonette Davis Crittenden, a passionate educator and respected public servant, died on November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York, Flora Crittenden moved to Newport News at a young age and graduated from Huntington High School; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her bachelor's degree from Virginia State University, Flora Crittenden taught at Carver High School in Newport News; she earned a master's degree from Indiana University over the course of four summers while still employed at Carver High School; and

WHEREAS, following retirement from Newport News Public Schools, where Flora Crittenden inspired young people as an educator for more than 30 years, she received a Fellowship to continue her education at the University of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to her community, Flora Crittenden served on the Newport News City Council, then ran for and was elected to the House of Delegates, where she represented the residents of the 95th District from 1993 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as a state lawmaker, Flora Crittenden introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit her constituents and all Virginians; she offered her wisdom to several standing committees and used her expertise as an educator to advocate for the Commonwealth's young people; and

WHEREAS, Flora Crittenden served two four-year terms on the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University, serving as a committee chair for part of her service; and

WHEREAS, Flora Crittenden enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Trinity Baptist Church, and she volunteered her time with many civic organizations, including as a life member and former president of the local NAACP chapter and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the former George Washington Carver High School, where Flora Crittenden served for more than 30 years, was renamed the Flora D. Crittenden Middle School and was dedicated in 1996 as a magnet school for mathematics and science; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her beloved husband of 65 years, Raymond, and a grandson, Alonzo II, Flora Crittenden will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Raymond III, Thursa, and Alonzo, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 the Honorable Flora Lonette Davis Crittenden, a former member of the House of Delegates and an admired educator who touched countless lives in Hampton Roads; 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 the Honorable Flora Lonette Davis Crittenden as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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