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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 188

Offered March 2, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Phyllis Maxine Taylor.*

Patron—Morrissey

WHEREAS, Phyllis Maxine Taylor, an inspirational member of the South Prince George community, died on December 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Southampton, Phyllis Taylor grew up in Prince George County and graduated from Peabody High School in 1947; the following year she married the love of her life, Wesley Meloy Taylor, Sr., and the couple proudly raised nine children and enjoyed nearly 70 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Taylor worked as waitress early in her adult life, then worked for the Arnold Pen Company alongside her sister, Sarah, for many years; and

WHEREAS, when her husband answered the call to the ministry, Phyllis Taylor supported his congregations by teaching, praying with, and mentoring women of the community; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Taylor served as state missionary president for the Virginia Southern Diocese of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith (COOLJC) during her husband's tenure as bishop, and she became first lady of COOLJC Region IV from 2005 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Taylor was the cofounder and matriarch of Calvary Temple Church and offered her wise counsel to Calvary Pentecostal Ministries, Calvary Outreach Revival Center, pastored by her son, Irving, and House of Prayer Church, pastored by her son, Wesley, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known to family and friends as "Mother Taylor," Phyllis Taylor inspired others through her kindness, humility, and grace and always put the needs of others before her own; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Wesley, and one daughter, Jacquelyn, Phyllis Taylor will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, James, Robert, Patricia, Irving, Barbara, Kenneth, Alfred, and Wesley, Jr., and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Phyllis Maxine Taylor, a beloved member of the South Prince George community who touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Phyllis Maxine Taylor as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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