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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

Offered January 13, 2022

Celebrating the life of Gerald Glenn Poindexter.

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WHEREAS, Gerald Glenn Poindexter, an esteemed attorney and active and beloved member of the Surry County community, died on December 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Louisa, Gerald Poindexter graduated from Virginia Union University in 1961 at the age of 20 before attending graduate school at Howard University, where he studied biology; and

WHEREAS, inspired by civil rights leaders of the 1960s, such as Oliver Hill and Thurgood Marshall, Gerald Poindexter changed his focus to the law, earning his juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan in 1970; and

WHEREAS, following law school, Gerald Poindexter spent a year with the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley before becoming a partner with Greene, Buxton and Poindexter, one of the first interracial law practices in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Poindexter was named the county attorney for Surry County in 1972, becoming one of the first African American county attorneys in the country, and would go on to hold the position for the next 32 years while maintaining a private practice; and

WHEREAS, having demonstrated his adroit legal mind and commitment to fairness and justice, Gerald Poindexter was elected Commonwealth's attorney for Surry County in 1995, leading the locality's prosecutorial endeavors with great wisdom and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Poindexter's involvement in the community included membership with several distinguished civic and social organizations, including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Progressive Men's Club of Surry County, the Epsilon Delta Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, and the Board of Visitors of John Tyler Community College; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Poindexter will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of more than 50 years, Gammiel; his children, Eric, John, and Chris, 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 Gerald Glenn Poindexter, an accomplished attorney whose kindness, empathy, and generosity 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 Gerald Glenn Poindexter as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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