

2022 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87

Celebrating the life of Betty J. Wright.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 3, 2022
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Betty J. Wright of Portsmouth, a beloved mother and grandmother and highly admired community leader, died on January 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wright grew up in Philadelphia and later relocated to Virginia, where she worked for Portsmouth Public Schools as a substitute teacher and helped coordinate the Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, after retiring as an educator, Betty Wright worked in crime prevention for the City of Portsmouth and organized several national night out events and fundraisers to support community members in need; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wright and her husband, Joseph, were active leaders in the Cavalier Manor neighborhood and became known to residents as the mayor and first lady of the community; she offered her wisdom and expertise to the United Civic League of Cavalier Manor and the Cavalier Manor Neighborhood Watch; and

WHEREAS, Betty Wright was also a member of the Portsmouth Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Steering Committee, the Portsmouth Moose Lodge, and the Daughters of Isis Arabia Temple No. 12, where she was a past commandress and oversaw the Isiserettes team; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her beloved husband, Joseph, Betty Wright will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Joseph, LaDonna, and DeAngela, 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 Betty J. Wright; and, be it

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

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