

2022 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Commending Dorethea Vincent Johnson.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2022

WHEREAS, Dorethea Vincent Johnson, an active and beloved centenarian and lifelong member of the Portsmouth community, celebrated her 100th birthday on March 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by family and friends as "Ree," "Doe," or "Gran," Dorethea Johnson was born the third of seven children to John and Georgia Vincent on March 4, 1922, in Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, growing up in the Lincolnville area, Dorethea Johnson was educated in Portsmouth Public Schools, where she developed the knowledge and skills she would need to be a productive member of her community; and

WHEREAS, Dorethea Johnson worked tirelessly for many years as a domestic engineer while also raising her three children, Earl, Jerome, and Diane, as well as her two younger siblings; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Dorethea Johnson has been a faithful member of the historic Third Baptist Church in Portsmouth for more than 70 years; and

WHEREAS, every Sunday morning, Dorethea Johnson may be seen walking down Godwin Street in Portsmouth toward Third Baptist Church with a line of children from the community, bringing joy to the many individuals and families that they pass; and

WHEREAS, Dorethea Johnson has given generously of her time to several ministries and groups at Third Baptist Church, including the Junior Missionaries, the A.B. Mason Missionary Ministry, the Lydia Ministry, Sunday School Class #12, and the Feed the Hungry Ministry; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime member of Lott Carey Foreign Missions and a member of the Tidewater Baptist Women Missionary and Educational Convention, Dorethea Johnson has also served her community as one of the team moms for the Woodrow Wilson High School football team in Portsmouth and as a longtime member of the Portsmouth Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Dorethea Johnson is a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt, and sister who has instilled prayer and the word of God in all her family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Dorethea Vincent Johnson, a cherished member of the Portsmouth community, hereby be commended on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dorethea Vincent Johnson as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her inspirational life and congratulations for reaching this remarkable milestone.

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