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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 134

Offered January 19, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Deborah Lyvonne Hunt Johnson.*

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WHEREAS, Deborah Lyvonne Hunt Johnson, an esteemed educator and real estate agent and an active and beloved member of the Richmond and Hampton Roads communities, died on December 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Johnson was a member of one of the first racially integrated classes at Norlina High School in Norlina, North Carolina, and graduated with its Class of 1969; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Johnson went on to attend Virginia Commonwealth University, earning a bachelor's degree in art education in 1973 and a master's degree in education four years later; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Johnson served many years as an elementary school educator in Durham, North Carolina, and Richmond, contributing greatly to many young people's success both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, later in her career, Deborah Johnson acquired her real estate broker's license and established Hunt Homes of Virginia, admirably representing buyers and sellers in the both Richmond and Virginia Beach while growing her thriving business; and

WHEREAS, committed to ensuring social justice for all, Deborah Johnson supported various Urban League initiatives over the years and was president of the organization's Guild of Hampton Roads since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Johnson fostered greater awareness of breast cancer and support for women and families impacted by the disease as a founding member of the Southeastern Virginia chapter of the Sisters Network, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Johnson was an avid dancer who traveled widely and performed in many styles, including choreographed line dancing, bop, salsa, swing, and Chicago-style stepping; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Deborah Johnson enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Basilica of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Norfolk for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, Bradford, Deborah Johnson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Sydni, Bradlee, Carlla, and Aaronne, and their families; her mother, Mary; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Deborah Lyvonne Hunt Johnson, a cherished member of the Richmond community whose boundless kindness and positivity touched countless lives; 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 Deborah Lyvonne Hunt Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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