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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Offered March 10, 2022

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Franklin D. Harvey, Sr.

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Franklin D. Harvey, Sr., an honorable veteran, esteemed barber and businessman, and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on December 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Central High School in King and Queen County, Franklin Harvey enlisted with the United States Air Force in 1953 and served his country proudly, receiving an honorable discharge in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Harvey subsequently attended barber school and then opened Harvey's Progressive Barbershop in Richmond, which he operated for more than a half-century, growing the business considerably during that time; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Franklin Harvey invented the "Afro-Master Comb," greatly influencing the style of the era and in 1986 received patents for 48 other comb designs; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the community as the owner of a popular Black-owned barbershop in the business district of Richmond, Franklin Harvey was the recipient of several business and barber awards over his career, while inspiring many of his employees to become entrepreneurs in their own right; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Franklin Harvey enrolled in Richmond Virginia Seminary in the 1990s and served as minister at St. John Baptist Church in Richmond, as well as in various other leadership capacities; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his wife, Christine, Franklin Harvey will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Franklin, Jr., Steven, and Katrina, and their families and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Franklin D. Harvey, Sr., a cherished member of the Richmond community whose kindness and generosity 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 the Reverend Franklin D. Harvey, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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