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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Offered March 9, 2022

Celebrating the life of Mary P. James.

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WHEREAS, Mary P. James, a vibrant member of the Richmond community who touched countless lives, died on December 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lawrenceville, Mary P. James attended Brunswick County Public Schools and graduated from James Solomon Russell High School; and

WHEREAS, Mary P. James studied at Saint Paul's College and graduated from Virginia State University with a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in education; she later conducted post-graduate work at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, Mary P. James worked in Petersburg City Public Schools as a teacher's aide, then joined the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation at Central State Hospital in Petersburg, where she worked as a rehabilitation counselor until her retirement in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Mary P. James inspired others through her kindness, empathy, and grace, and she offered her wise counsel and compassionate support to family members, friends, and anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her son, Alexander, Mary P. James will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Lincoln; her children, Torrey and Alexandra, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Mary P. James, a beloved resident of Richmond who made many contributions to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Mary P. James as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.