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1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 471**

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4 *Celebrating the life of Dorothy Southall.*

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6 WHEREAS, Dorothy Southall, a beloved resident of Norfolk who inspired others through her wisdom,
7 kindness, and grace, died on October 9, 2024, at the age of 106; and8 WHEREAS, born on September 5, 1918, Dorothy “Dottie” Southall grew up in the Whaleyville area of
9 Suffolk; she witnessed countless historic events in her lifetime, from the Great Depression and World War II,
10 to the Civil Rights Movement, the Moon landing, and the rise of modern technology; and11 WHEREAS, at a young age, Dottie Southall and her father moved to Pennsylvania during the First Great
12 Migration, when millions of Black southerners relocated to northern and western states seeking new and
13 better opportunities for themselves and their families; and14 WHEREAS, in 1959, Dottie Southall began working at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, where she
15 proudly cared for patients as a licensed practical nurse for the next 20 years; and16 WHEREAS, Dottie Southall returned to the Commonwealth in the 1980s and lived independently until
17 the age of 103; she was a devoted aunt and friend who relished every opportunity to welcome people into her
18 home for meals and celebrations; and19 WHEREAS, Dottie Southall was a symbol of resilience for her family and friends and brought joy into
20 their lives through her sense of humor, unwavering positivity, and countless life lessons; and21 WHEREAS, Dottie Southall will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her great-nieces Voncier
22 Kelly and Remedeas Weekes, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now,
23 therefore, be it24 RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dorothy Southall, a
25 cherished member of the Norfolk community; and, be it26 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
27 presentation to the family of Dorothy Southall as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her
28 memory.

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