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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 318

2 Offered January 28, 2025

3 *Celebrating the life of Elvin Russell Cosby, Jr.*

4 Patron—VanValkenburg

5 WHEREAS, Elvin Russell Cosby, Jr., a longtime and dedicated employee of Henrico County Public
6 Works, esteemed faith leader, and beloved member of the Henrico County community, died on December 8,
7 2024; and8 WHEREAS, after working in a variety of jobs, Elvin Cosby joined Henrico County Public Works in April
9 1946, embarking upon a career devoted to the development and maintenance of Henrico County's
10 infrastructure that would span a remarkable 73 years; and11 WHEREAS, over his tenure with Henrico County, Elvin Cosby played an outsized role in shaping the
12 principles and values guiding the locality's workforce, while also advancing a number of initiatives that
13 would make an impact in the community, such as advising the county's early efforts to increase diversity in
14 its workforce; and15 WHEREAS, as an expression of gratitude for Elvin Cosby's extraordinary legacy of service as both an
16 employee and community member, Henrico County established the Elvin R. Cosby Award in 2015 to
17 recognize longstanding county employees for their exceptional contributions and also named a street "Elvin
18 Cosby Way" in his honor; and19 WHEREAS, Elvin Cosby was a steadfast member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
20 Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, for more than 50 years, first as a member of Limelight Lodge #301,
21 where he achieved the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1967, and later at Jonathan Lodge #112; and22 WHEREAS, Elvin Cosby was guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith and for many years
23 served as a deacon at St. Peter Baptist Church in Glen Allen, leading and mentoring others in their spiritual
24 journeys; and25 WHEREAS, preceded in death by his sons, William and Marvin, Elvin Cosby will be fondly remembered
26 and dearly missed by his loving wife of 73 years, Lottie Jane; his children, Lena, Kathy, Sandra, Joyce, Della,
27 and Chartell, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it28 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note
29 with great sadness the loss of Elvin Russell Cosby, Jr., a treasured member of the Henrico County community
30 whose work ethic, devotion to his family and church, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of
31 others inspired all who knew him; and, be it32 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
33 the family of Elvin Russell Cosby, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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