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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 869

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Celebrating the life of Tayloe Holton Loftus.

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WHEREAS, Tayloe Holton Loftus, an esteemed physician and medical educator and beloved member of the Syracuse, New York, community, who played a pivotal role in desegregating Richmond Public Schools in the 1970s, died on February 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Governor Linwood Holton, Tayloe Loftus was 13 years old in 1970 when she made history as one of the first white students to attend the previously all-Black John F. Kennedy High School in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Tayloe Loftus later enrolled at Dartmouth College, studying abroad in Germany during the Cold War and graduating among the school's third class that included women; and

WHEREAS, after completing her medical education, Tayloe Loftus enjoyed a long and successful career as an internist and internal medicine professor at State University of New York Upstate Medical University, where she worked tirelessly to care for her patients, prepare future generations of doctors, and advocate for her students and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Tayloe Loftus published several studies and articles over the years on strategies for improving medical education and served as president of the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine, a national organization representing teachers of internal medicine; and

WHEREAS, Tayloe Loftus was passionate about small-scale farming and hiking, with a particular fondness for the Adirondack Mountains, but was happiest of all when spending quality time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Tayloe Loftus will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her husband of 39 years, Jon; her children, Elizabeth, David, and Carter, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Tayloe Holton Loftus, a revered member of the Richmond and Syracuse communities whose leadership, dedication, and service made an impact on 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 Tayloe Holton Loftus as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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