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Celebrating the life of Valerie Scott Price.

Patrons—Price, Anthony, Askew, Bennett-Parker, Bulova, Callsen, Carr, Clark, Cohen, Cole, Convirs-Fowler, Cousins, Delaney, Feggans, Gardner, Gilbert, Glass, Green, Hayes, Helmer, Henson, Herring, Hope, Keys-Gamarra, Kilgore, Krizek, Laufer, LeVere Bolling, Lopez, Maldonado, Martinez, McClure, McQuinn, Mundon King, O'Quinn, Rasoul, Reaser, Reid, Scott, D., Seibold, Sewell, Shin, Sickles, Simon, Simonds, Singh, Sullivan, Thomas, Torian, Tran, Ward, Watts and Webert

WHEREAS, Valerie Scott Price, an esteemed educator, respected civic leader, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, and cherished member of the Newport News community, died on March 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after graduating in 1970 from the former Newport News High School, where she played a role in the school's integration process, Valerie Price graduated with honors from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), earning her bachelor's degree in early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Price embarked upon her career as an educator with Model Schools Preschools in collaboration with District of Columbia Public Schools before returning to Newport News in the late 1970s and becoming one of the first teachers in the city's First Step program; and

WHEREAS, as an educator with Newport News Public Schools from 1977 to 2004, Valerie Price devoted herself to helping young people achieve literacy and develop their skills and abilities, obtaining a master's degree in education from Old Dominion University in 1992 to enhance her knowledge and insights into her work; and

WHEREAS, with her extensive background in education, Valerie Price founded The GET UP Project, a business dedicated to helping parents prepare their children for academic success, and she developed and copyrighted a number of educational games over the years to assist young learners; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Price's commitment to her community was evident through her longstanding support of and involvement with various local organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - Lambda Omega Chapter, the Commonwealth Council on Aging, the Newport News Healthy Families Initiative, and the Peninsula Agency on Aging's Community Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Price was the first lady of Newport News from 2010 to 2022 while her husband, the Honorable Dr. McKinley L. Price, served as mayor, and she was a steadfast advocate for many causes and campaigns close to her heart; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Price received a plethora of honors and awards over her lifetime in recognition of her service as an educator and civic leader, including the Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities in 2020 and the Living Legend Award from the Newport News Branch of the NAACP in 2012; and

WHEREAS, guided by her deep and abiding faith, Valerie Price was a lifelong member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Newport News, where she was baptized, confirmed, and later served as a trustee and an acolyte, as well as a myriad of other leadership capacities; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Price was known in her community for her kindness, compassion, humor, and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Price will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband, the Honorable Dr. McKinley L. Price; her children, Dr. McKinley L. Price II and the Honorable Marcia S. Price, 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 Valerie Scott Price, a pillar of the Newport News community whose legacy of dedicated 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 Valerie Scott Price as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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