

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 875

Celebrating the life of Ida Lee Cheatham.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, Ida Lee Cheatham, a beloved and highly admired resident of the Maymont neighborhood in Richmond, died on February 19, 2025, at the age of 105; and

WHEREAS, Ida Cheatham was born in Doswell on February 3, 1920, and witnessed numerous historic events, living through the Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights Movement, and the rise of modern technology; and

WHEREAS, Ida Cheatham moved to Richmond as a teenager and worked as a housekeeper, house manager, and caterer over the years; she was a longtime resident of South Meadow Street in the Maymont neighborhood, which takes its name from the nearby Victorian estate and public park; and

WHEREAS, Ida Cheatham was an influential member of the growing community, guiding local growth and overseeing beautification efforts through her leadership in the Maymont Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, Ida Cheatham enhanced the lives of others through her compassion, generosity, and grace, and her legacy of exceptional contributions shaped the neighborhood for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one daughter, Elizabeth, Ida Cheatham will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Carla and Carl, 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 Ida Lee Cheatham, a pillar of the Maymont community in Richmond; 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 Ida Lee Cheatham as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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