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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 949

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Commending Cozette Washington.

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WHEREAS, Cozette Washington, a vibrant member of the Arlington community and beloved mother, grandmother, and friend to many, celebrated her 100th birthday in 2025; and

WHEREAS, born on September 24, 1925, in Bayonne, New Jersey, Cozette Washington has been a witness to history, from the Great Depression and World War II to the triumphs of the Civil Rights Movement, the Moon landing, and the dawn of the Internet era; and

WHEREAS, Cozette Washington's late husband, Miles, was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen during World War II and continued to serve in the military for many years after the war, retiring as a lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Cozette and Miles Washington traveled from posting to posting in California, Texas, Kansas, France, and Germany, before ultimately settling in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Cozette Washington worked for the public broadcasting station WETA-TV and served as a comptroller for United States Senator Ted Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Cozette Washington fulfilled a long-held dream to open her own business, a greeting card store called The Paper Trail, that served customers from its location at Union Station in Washington, D.C., for two decades; and

WHEREAS, Cozette Washington also served the community as a volunteer nurse's aide and mentored youths as a den mother for a local Scout troop; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Cozette Washington has touched countless lives throughout Arlington, inspiring others through her determination, perseverance, joyful outlook, and unwavering faith; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cozette Washington hereby be commended on the occasion of her 100th birthday in 2025; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cozette Washington as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her lifetime of personal and professional achievements.

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