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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 963

Offered October 27, 2025

Commending Dorothea Hobson Winfree.

Patrons—Gardner, Clark, Helmer, Henson, Keys-Gamarra, LeVere Bolling, Martinez, Rasoul, Reid and Simonds

WHEREAS, Dorothea Hobson Winfree, a vibrant member of the Richmond community, celebrated her 100th birthday in 2025; and

WHEREAS, born on May 3, 1925, Dorothea Winfree 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, Dorothea Winfree attended Richmond Public Schools and graduated from Armstrong High School, then continued her education at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Dorothea Winfree returned to the Jackson Ward neighborhood of Richmond and opened Southern Aid Life Insurance Company, one of the first Black-owned insurance companies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, later in her career, Dorothea Winfree worked at what is now the United States Defense Supply Center, Richmond, earning the admiration of her coworkers for her diligence, professionalism, and incomparable work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Dorothea Winfree has been a faithful member of First Baptist Church of South Richmond for more than 90 years; she has touched countless lives in the congregation as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, choir member, deaconess, usher, and founder and director of the drama ministry; and

WHEREAS, Dorothea Winfree has also been a longtime supporter of New Life Deliverance Tabernacle, founded by her son, Robert; her passion for ministry led her to earn a doctorate in theology, further demonstrating her commitment to the spiritual enrichment of others; and

WHEREAS, Dorothea Winfree has proudly instilled her appreciation for the importance of faith, education, integrity, and community service in her children and grandchildren, and she has inspired countless individuals through her leadership, kindness, perseverance, and grace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Dorothea Hobson Winfree hereby be commended on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and, be it

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

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