

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 983

Offered October 28, 2025

Celebrating the life of Gladys Bernice Brown Hill.

Patron—Scott, D.

WHEREAS, Gladys Bernice Brown Hill, a devoted child-care provider, accomplished entrepreneur, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and cherished member of the Portsmouth community, died on June 2, 2025, leaving a legacy of love, service, and grace; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Hill established and grew Hill's Childcare Center in Portsmouth over more than a half-century, nurturing thousands of children and their families and contributing to their success and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Hill faithfully served in various leadership roles at New Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Portsmouth, including as deaconess, missionary, and first lady, alongside her husband, the Reverend Dr. Milton Lee Hill; and

WHEREAS, in later years, Gladys Hill enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at First Baptist Church in Portsmouth, where she was affectionately known as the "Mother of the Church"; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, Milton, Gladys Hill will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Barbara, Milton, and Benita, and their families and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gladys Bernice Brown Hill, a revered member of the Portsmouth community whose unwavering faith, strength, and service inspired all who knew her; 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 Gladys Bernice Brown Hill as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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