

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 970

Celebrating the life of Ada Stevens Harold.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, October 29, 2025

WHEREAS, Ada Stevens Harold, who supported the Norfolk community through her faith, compassion, and commitment to service, died on June 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, born on July 16, 1935, in Norfolk to Harvey and Jacquetta Boone Stevens, Ada Harold was raised in a close-knit community, where she developed strong values, a warm spirit, and a lifelong dedication to helping others; and

WHEREAS, a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Ada Harold continued her education at DePaul Hospital School of Nursing, where she earned her credentials as a licensed practical nurse, then began a career defined by her unwavering commitment and care for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ada Harold was admired for her elegance, grace, and impeccable sense of style; she brought creativity and warmth to everything she touched, from her wardrobe to her home decor and her beautifully maintained yard; and

WHEREAS, Ada Harold relished every opportunity to travel, spend time with family and friends, and celebrate life's special moments, both big and small; she was highly admired for her strength, wisdom, and sense of joy, and she served as a source of inspiration to all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Ada Harold will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughter, Deborah Graves Bernard (Mike); stepdaughter, Beverly Hill Braithwaite; stepson, Kevin Hill (Vera); grandchildren, Marlon White, Larmar Braithwaite (Dale), Tommy Graves IV, Jason Graves, Dimitri Hill, Nedra Braithwaite, Antoinette Harold, and Mary Harold; eight great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law, Willie Harold and Gerald Harold; sisters-in-law, Florine Brown and Geraldine Harold; lifelong friend Edith Reed Garrett; and a host of other extended family members and friends who will forever cherish her memory; and

WHEREAS, Ada Harold was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Harold; her son, Tony Harold; her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Harold; and her parents, Harvey and Jacquetta Boone Stevens; and

WHEREAS, Ada Harold's legacy of love, laughter, and faith will live on through all the people who were privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ada Stevens Harold, whose spirit of compassion and joy enriched the lives of many throughout Norfolk and beyond; 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 Ada Stevens Harold as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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