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## 1                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

2                   Offered January 14, 2026

3                   *Celebrating the life of Anita Gordon Plaskett, Ed.D.*4                   \_\_\_\_\_  
5                   Patron—Locke6                   WHEREAS, Anita Gordon Plaskett, Ed.D., an esteemed educator and education administrator, beloved  
7                   mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and treasured member of the Hampton Roads community, died  
8                   on October 30, 2025; and9                   WHEREAS, after graduating from Christ the King High School in New York City in 1967, Anita Plaskett  
10                  earned an associate degree from St. John's University in 1969, a bachelor's degree cum laude in 1974 and a  
11                  master's degree in education with a concentration in reading in 1978 from the University of the Virgin  
12                  Islands, and an educational specialist degree and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction in 1983 from the  
13                  University of Connecticut; and14                  WHEREAS, Anita Plaskett's illustrious, four-decade career in education began with teaching and  
15                  administrative roles in St. Croix, including as principal of the Eulalie R. Rivera Professional Development  
16                  Elementary School and as insular superintendent of public schools for St. Croix; and17                  WHEREAS, Anita Plaskett prepared and mentored future educators as a tenured professor at the  
18                  University of the Virgin Islands and in a number of other capacities with institutions of higher education in  
19                  the United States; and20                  WHEREAS, Anita Plaskett settled in the Commonwealth and became an administrator with Newport  
21                  News Public Schools, working tirelessly for the benefit of her students and rising to the position of assistant  
22                  principal of instruction before her retirement in 2012; and23                  WHEREAS, Anita Plaskett's commitment to creating educational opportunities for all young people led  
24                  her to serve as the founding president of the board of directors for the Bridging the Gap Learning Center; and25                  WHEREAS, Anita Plaskett was an active and engaged member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,  
26                  and she served as president of both the Mu Gamma Omega Chapter in the Virgin Islands and the Gamma  
27                  Upsilon Omega Chapter in Hampton; and28                  WHEREAS, Anita Plaskett will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving children, Osman  
29                  and Shakima, and their families and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it30                  RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note  
31                  with great sadness the loss of Anita Gordon Plaskett, Ed.D., a cherished member of the Hampton Roads  
32                  community whose light brightened countless lives; and, be it33                  RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to  
34                  the family of Anita Gordon Plaskett, Ed.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her  
35                  memory.

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