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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

2 Offered February 4, 2026

3 *Celebrating the life of Rose Gartrell Vann.*4 _____
5 Patron—Locke6 WHEREAS, Rose Gartrell Vann, an active community leader in Hampton and an educator who inspired
7 and uplifted countless youths over the course of her career, died on November 26, 2025; and8 WHEREAS, Rose Vann grew up in Savannah, Georgia, and excelled in academics from a young age; she
9 continued her education at what is now Savannah State University, where she was selected as Ms. Savannah
10 State in 1951; and11 WHEREAS, Rose Vann met her future husband, Claude, while he was stationed at a nearby United States
12 air force base; after their marriage, she supported his distinguished military career and raised their growing
13 family as they traveled to postings in England, Morocco, Southeast Asia, and across the United States; and14 WHEREAS, beginning in 1955, Rose and Claude Vann cultivated a shared vision for real estate
15 investment, and the couple developed a portfolio of rental homes and other properties in multiple states; and16 WHEREAS, for many years, Rose Vann also worked as a teacher, serving students at the elementary
17 school, junior high school, or high school levels in Georgia, Maine, California, Massachusetts, and Virginia;
18 and19 WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Rose Vann earned a reputation as a devoted educator, who
20 instilled a strong sense of discipline and respect in her students, while helping them to achieve their fullest
21 potential in and out of the classroom; and22 WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement as a teacher, Rose Vann dedicated her life to community
23 service in the Hampton area as a leader in the Newport News-Hampton Chapter of the Continental Societies,
24 Inc., a life member of the Hampton Branch of the NAACP, and a Silver Star member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
25 Sorority, Inc.; and26 WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Claude Vann, Jr., Rose Vann will be fondly remembered and
27 greatly missed by her children, Avis, Claude III, and Doris, and their families; and numerous other family
28 members and friends; now, therefore, be it29 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note
30 with great sadness the loss of Rose Gartrell Vann, a former educator and a highly admired resident of
31 Hampton; and, be it32 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
33 the family of Rose Gartrell Vann as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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