

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 682

Celebrating the life of Janice Pryde Davies.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, May 13, 2024

WHEREAS, Janice Pryde Davies, an accomplished educator and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and member of the Fredericksburg community, died on March 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Janice Davies attended District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) before earning a degree from what is, today, the University of the District of Columbia and studying at New York University and the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as an educator with DCPS, including the newly integrated Barnard Elementary School, Janice Davies contributed greatly to the academic, social, and emotional well-being of her students, supporting their success both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Fredericksburg in 1962, Janice Davies became an active and engaged member of her new community and devoted herself to raising and caring for her children; and

WHEREAS, Janice Davies' passion for teaching and mentoring others led her to serve as a homebound instructor for pregnant teenagers and as a Girl Scouts of the USA troop leader for a troop that held the distinction of being both the largest and the only African American Girl Scout troop in Fredericksburg at the time; and

WHEREAS, Janice Davies gave generously of her time and energy over the years through her support of a number of community organizations, including the American Cancer Society and the Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association, receiving a plethora of accolades in recognition of her service; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Janice Davies enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community and spearheaded a number of initiatives at Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) in Fredericksburg, where her husband, the Reverend Lawrence A. Davies, served as pastor; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her daughters, Lauren and Karen, Janice Davies will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband, Lawrence; her daughter, Sharron, and her family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Janice Pryde Davies, a treasured member of the Fredericksburg community whose light brightened countless lives; 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 Janice Pryde Davies as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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