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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR50101-LG-235A

Sponsors: Representatives Morey, Hawkins, Alston, and Reives (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MARYANN BLACK,
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, MaryAnn Black was born on October 3, 1943, in Manhattan, New York, to
4 the late Reverend Dr. Solomon Eaddy, Sr., and Susanna Law Eaddy; and

5 Whereas, at a young age, MaryAnn Black's family moved to Florence, South
6 Carolina, where she was educated in the Florence Public School System and graduated from
7 Wilson High School; and

8 Whereas, MaryAnn Black received a Bachelor of Science degree in English from
9 Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, and later earned a master's degree in social work
10 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

11 Whereas, after college, MaryAnn Black moved to Durham, North Carolina, where
12 she worked for over 30 years as a clinical social worker providing psychotherapy services to
13 children and their families. She went on to serve as Associate Vice President for Community
14 Relations for the Duke University Health System; and

15 Whereas, MaryAnn was a leader in the civic affairs of her community, serving as
16 president of the Durham Downtown Rotary and the first female chair of the Greater Durham
17 Chamber of Commerce Board. She was also a member of the North Carolina Health and Wellness
18 Trust Fund Commission and Durham Technical Community College's Board of Trustees; and

19 Whereas, MaryAnn Black served on the Durham County Board of Commissioners
20 from 1990 to 2002, serving as chair from 1996 to 2002; and

21 Whereas, MaryAnn Black was appointed to the General Assembly as a member of
22 the House of Representatives in 2017, where she served the citizens of District 29 with honor
23 and distinction until 2020. During her tenure in the General Assembly, she served on several
24 committees, including Aging; Appropriations, Health and Human Services; Health; and House
25 Select Committee on School Safety; and

26 Whereas, MaryAnn Black received numerous awards and recognitions, including
27 "Social Worker of the Year" by the State of North Carolina and the National Association of
28 Social Workers in 1994; Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce Circle of Influence Diversity
29 Award in 2005; Women-In-Action Elna B. Spaulding Founder's Award; Triangle Business
30 Journal Top 25 Outstanding Women in Business in 2005; and Woman of the Year Award for
31 2020 from the Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce; and

32 Whereas, MaryAnn Black was also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
33 Incorporated; and

34 Whereas, MaryAnn Black was respected and admired by all of those who knew her
35 and had the privilege to work with her; and

36 Whereas, MaryAnn Black passed away on March 25, 2020, at the age of 76; and



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1 Whereas, MaryAnn Black was preceded in death by her father; a son, James
2 "Christopher" Black; and a brother, Frederick Eaddy; and

3 Whereas, MaryAnn Black is survived by a son, Jonathon C. Black; grandson, Jordan
4 Black; mother, Susanna Eaddy; brother, Solomon Eaddy, Jr.; and a sister, Barbara Faye E.
5 Brooks; Now, therefore,

6 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

7 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of MaryAnn Black and
8 expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for her life and service
9 to the people of her community and North Carolina.

10 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
11 MaryAnn Black for the loss of a beloved family member.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
13 to the family of MaryAnn Black.

14 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.