

HB0375 Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent (Granny's Law) Support FAV

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Dear JPR Committee,

My husband served a 20-year career in the U.S. Navy and so we are both very familiar with the book entitled: Breaking the Color Barrier: The U.S. Naval Academy's First Black Midshipmen and the Struggle for Racial Equality.

While we were delighted to learn that Ms. Johnson's grandmother was featured in the book. We were not pleased, however, to hear how Ms. Johnson's grandmother's estate was handled nor the completely dehumanizing situation that Ms. Johnson found herself facing head on. Nonetheless, we have seen first-hand Ms. Johnson's steadfast commitment to righteous causes. I myself am a preacher's kid so I know a woman of God when I see one. It is therefore our honor to write this letter of support for Granny's Law, legislation being led by Senator Muse and Delegate Stinnett in honor of Ms. Johnson's grandmother. We ask that your committee restore dignity and honor to Ms. Johnson and her late grandmother and to any other Maryland family that might unfortunately find themselves in a similar predicament.

We ask for and urge your committee's full favorable support for Granny's Law SB0190.

Sincerely,

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