

2000 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Commending James Wright.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 27, 2000
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2000

WHEREAS, James Wright, a Norfolk native, is the founder of Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals; and

WHEREAS, James Wright grew up on Princess Anne Road and in 1959 graduated from Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, with a long interest in producing media images, James Wright started his career as an intern doing black-and-white photography at the Haycox Photographic Studio; and

WHEREAS, James Wright then became a cameraman, working most recently for WAVY-TV 10 in Norfolk where he worked for 15 years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, during his career, James Wright has served as mentor to many employees of Norfolk-area media outlets, teaching the value of networking, continuing education, and supporting fellow professionals; and

WHEREAS, James Wright was instrumental in founding The Tidewater Media Professionals in 1982 with 25 original members; and

WHEREAS, The Tidewater Media Professionals reorganized in 1988 as the Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals — an affiliate chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists; and

WHEREAS, James Wright has also been active in his community as president of his neighborhood's civic association, past worshipful master of Campbell Lodge 67, and a trustee at St. John's African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, James Wright has given his time and talent generously to his community and his profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That James Wright be commended for his work to improve opportunities and to build professionalism through the Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Wright as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his commitment and dedication to the Hampton Roads area and to the field of broadcast journalism.

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