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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Offered April 26, 2001

Designating June 9, 2001, as General Johnson Day in Virginia.

Patrons—Jones, J.C., Christian, Crittenden and Day

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, General Johnson and the Chairmen of the Board remains one of the most enduringly popular rhythm and blues bands in the nation; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 40 years, General Johnson, who began singing in Norfolk churches as a seven-year-old boy, has entertained fans of R&B music from Detroit to London, from New York to the beaches of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, during a career that has taken him from Norfolk to New York City to Detroit during the height of the Motown sound to extensive touring across the country and around the world, General Johnson has excelled as a performer, songwriter, and producer; and

WHEREAS, among General Johnson's more recognizable hits are "Give Me Just a Little More Time," "Somebody's Been Sleepin' in My Bed," and "Pay to the Piper"; and

WHEREAS, General Johnson won a Grammy award for writing the top-ten hit "Patches," recorded by Clarence Carter, and won BMI's Songwriter of the Year Award for his work with partner Greg Perry on many million-selling songs; and

WHEREAS, General Johnson and the Chairmen of the Board have performed on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, on "Soul Train" and "American Bandstand," and in such renowned venues as the Apollo Theater and Avery Fisher Hall in New York and the Hammersmith Odeon in London; and

WHEREAS, General Johnson remains a popular musician, primarily playing in beachfront communities in North Carolina, where his unique sound combines with the enduring popularity of his songs to attract audiences of all ages; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby designate June 9, 2001, as General Johnson Day in Virginia, in recognition of the manifold contributions of General Johnson to American popular music.

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