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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 153

Offered January 29, 2010

Celebrating the life of Hannibal E. Howell, Jr., M.D.

Patron—Locke

WHEREAS, Hannibal E. Howell, Jr., former longtime medical director at Hampton University, died August 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Holland, Virginia, Hannibal Howell was an exceptional and gifted child, graduating from high school and enrolling at Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) at the age of 13; he received a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Hannibal Howell deferred his commission to commence graduate studies at Howard University; after accepting his commission, he proudly served two tours of duty as an infantry officer in the Korean War and received the Distinguished Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, upon his return, Hannibal Howell worked for two years as a chemist at the Petroleum Laboratory, United States Naval Supply Center, where he designed and patented the tetraethyl lead digestion apparatus (catalytic converter) for fuel-injected engines that is still used in cars today; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Hannibal Howell decided to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, where he was the first African American to be admitted to the university's medical school; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Hannibal Howell became the first African American to complete a residency at George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career and 40 years in the private practice of medicine, Dr. Howell served in many professional positions, including chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, director of the Coronary Care Unit, and chair of the Credentials Committee at Sentara Hampton General Hospital; director of Student Health Services at Hampton University for 48 years; director of the Department of Electrocardiography at Whittaker Memorial Hospital; and assistant professor of Internal Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howell was actively involved in his profession as a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine; president and member of the board of directors of the American Heart Association; president of the Old Dominion Medical Society and Peninsula Medical Society; member of the National Medical Society; board member and Fellow of the Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.; and Fellow of the American College Health Association (ACHA); and

WHEREAS, in honor of a dedicated healer and exemplary administrator, the ACHA established an award for achievement that is given to a recipient annually in Dr. Howell's name; and

WHEREAS, Hannibal Howell will be sorely missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Marjorie B. Howell; their two children, Elveeda Howell Dixon and Hannibal E. Howell III and their families; and his numerous family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a dedicated physician and outstanding Virginian, Hannibal E. Howell, Jr., M.D.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Hannibal E. Howell, Jr., M.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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