SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 157

Commending Khalil Hassan.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2010 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 2010

WHEREAS, Khalil Hassan of Madison County, a local leader and conservationist, is recognized in 2010 for his many contributions to preserve the natural resources and environment in his community; and

WHEREAS, Khalil Hassan was an experienced and knowledgeable fire and arson investigator for the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department from 1967 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Khalil Hassan moved to Madison County in 1992 and soon became involved in his new community; and

WHEREAS, Khalil Hassan is a 2001 alumnus of the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute and has been a certified master gardener since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Khalil Hassan began volunteering for several tree planting projects in the Fredericksburg area, as well as in the surrounding Counties of Madison, Orange, and Culpeper; and

WHEREAS, an outdoor enthusiast and conservationist, Khalil Hassan became involved in water quality monitoring on the Robinson River and in riparian buffer projects in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Khalil Hassan has generously given his time and expertise to numerous civic and ecological organizations, including as a member of the Madison County Planning Commission and the Advisory Board of the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy; as president of Rural Madison, a local nonprofit that focuses on land use issues; as president of the Piedmont Environmental Council; and as a board member of RappFLOW; and

WHEREAS, Khalil Hassan is a volunteer for the Madison Farm 2 Table Community Garden, working to get more local produce into public schools and managing the community garden; he is also a full-time market farmer; and

WHEREAS, Khalil Hassan contributed to the Soil and Water Conservation District's "Meaningful Watershed Experience" for the Greene County Middle School from 2004 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Khalil Hassan is a role model and mentor, especially for young people, and he is a volunteer for the Breakfast Buddy program at Madison Primary School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Khalil Hassan for his many contributions to his community and his fellow citizens; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Khalil Hassan as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his many accomplishments and gratitude for his stewardship of the environment.