HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Commending Tyler Whitley.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2012
Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2012

WHEREAS, Tyler Whitley, the veteran political reporter frequently hailed as the dean of the Virginia Capitol press corps, has celebrated a journalistic career spanning more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, a loyal alumnus of Hampden-Sydney College, Tyler Whitley served as the editor of the *Tiger*, the student newspaper, during his senior year, which gave him his first experience with journalism; and

WHEREAS, after proudly serving in the United States Army, Tyler Whitley returned to Richmond and joined the *Richmond News Leader*, which later merged with the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, as an obituary writer; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Whitley later became the business editor, where he developed a reputation for journalistic excellence that led to a move to special assignments before he was named the political editor in 1980; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Tyler Whitley insightfully reported on Virginia and national politics, covering 14 national conventions, nine governors, four redistrictings, numerous campaigns for state office, and a variety of issues; and

WHEREAS, respected by his colleagues and political figures alike for his commitment to journalistic excellence, Tyler Whitley spent countless hours over the course of his career researching and writing about political issues in the Commonwealth and nation in order to give the public fair and informed analysis and information; and

WHEREAS, a man of tremendous integrity, Tyler Whitley made numerous contributions to the newspaper industry over the course of his illustrious career, not the least of which was the mentoring and training of a new generation of reporters as to the importance of intelligent and unbiased reporting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend a singularly talented and respected Virginian, Tyler Whitley, on a remarkable journalistic career that has spanned more than five decades; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tyler Whitley as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his dedication to his profession.