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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 123

Offered January 10, 2014

Celebrating the life of Joseph J. Carter, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Joseph J. Carter, Jr., was born in Richmond's Jackson Ward in 1940, and passed away on December 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Carter, Jr., lived for a time in New York, where he attended high school, before returning to Richmond to enroll in Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Carter, Jr., an entrepreneur, began his career in the music industry in 1965 and worked briefly as a postal clerk before becoming engaged in the Success Motivation Institute of Waco, Texas, to market the Institute's materials for several years; he developed 400 mini-biographies of African American success stories in government, science, business, sports, entertainment, and other disciplines that were popular in the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, he promoted concerts, produced records, gave motivational speeches, managed the Waller Family, a nationally and internationally performing local group, and partnered with another businessman to operate a local entertainment enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Carter, Jr., was a past president of the Richmond Metropolitan Business League, and for many years, he was the co-host of "Tell It Like It Is," a cable talk show that aired on local Channel 38; and

WHEREAS, a skilled community activist, Joseph J. Carter, Jr., was honored on February 4, 2000, for his outstanding community service with the designation of "Joe Carter Day" in Richmond by then-Mayor Timothy Kaine; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Carter, Jr., will be missed by his family, colleagues, and friends in the Richmond community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Joseph J. Carter, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Joseph J. Carter, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and contributions to the City of Richmond.