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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 169

Offered January 16, 2014

*Commending Joseph Wynn.*

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WHEREAS, Joseph Wynn, a native son of Southampton, graduated from Southampton County Training School and attended Norfolk Barbering College; he began his professional barbering career in 1956, at Dillard's Barber Shop in Emporia; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wynn relocated to Petersburg, where he was given an opportunity to continue his barbering career at Boddie's Barber Shop, and through this well-known and respected establishment, men from all backgrounds in Petersburg and the tri-city area became loyal clients of the barbershop; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wynn brought new and creative styles that helped to increase African American clientele, including the high English, round-up, Philly fade, Afro, blowout, bald, bald fade, flat top, crew cut, and Mohawk; his success eventually allowed him to become the proprietor of Boddie's Barber Shop; and

WHEREAS, throughout his adult life, Joseph Wynn has been faithful to his Christian beliefs and has used his barbering profession to witness God's love to many people and to aid the unfortunate, who often returned his generosity and compassion by protecting him when he worked alone late at night; and

WHEREAS, his faith is the bedrock of his life, and Joseph Wynn loves to exercise his spiritual gift of music by singing as a background singer or as a member of a quartet, his favorite style of praise music; he supports his wife in her roles as pastor of Bethany Missionary Baptist Church and as an instructor at the Evans-Smith Leadership Institute of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wynn was honored on November 9, 2013, on the occasion of his retirement after more than 56 years as a professional barber and for his Christian leadership and community service, which has inspired and positively influenced the lives of many persons in the City of Petersburg and the tri-city area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Joseph Wynn on the occasion of his retirement and for his community service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joseph Wynn as an expression of the General Assembly's regard for his service to the Petersburg community and best wishes for a restful retirement.

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