

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

Commemorating the life and legacy of Randall Booth.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 10, 2014

WHEREAS, Randall Booth was the slave of Nathaniel P. Young, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1862, Nathaniel Young received authorization to remove the county records from the courthouse to safeguard them and instructed Randall Booth to hide the county records; and

WHEREAS, Randall Booth hid the county records in a cart in Greensville and Brunswick Counties; after the Civil War, he returned the records to their rightful home; and

WHEREAS, Randall Booth was given his freedom and a position as caretaker of the courthouse; Nathaniel Young gave him a piece of land for a home and Randall Booth lived there until his death in 1904; and

WHEREAS, to honor his many contributions, the records room at the Isle of Wight County Clerk's Office is named after Randall Booth; and

WHEREAS, Randall Booth's actions preserved important county records for posterity that can now be used by historians, genealogists, and the general public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the life and legacy of Randall Booth hereby be commemorated; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Isle of Wight Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for Randall Booth's contributions to the Commonwealth and nation.

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