

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 647

Celebrating the life of Charles B. Whitehurst, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017
 Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, Charles B. Whitehurst, Sr., a distinguished veteran and a respected public servant in the City of Portsmouth, died on June 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, Charles Whitehurst was educated in Portsmouth Public Schools, graduating from I.C. Norcom High School in 1956 having joined the United States Marine Corps while in high school; and

WHEREAS, after his high school graduation, Charles Whitehurst was assigned to extended active duty at the rank of private first class; he rose through the enlisted ranks to that of sergeant (E-5), and he was thereafter appointed as a warrant officer (W-1) by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Charles Whitehurst accepted additional promotions to second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain, and major; he held a permanent rank of chief warrant officer grades I, II, III, and IV and subsequently converted to major as permanent rank; and

WHEREAS, Charles Whitehurst received several military honors, including the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, Navy Achievement Medal, Republic of Viet Nam Staff Service Medal, two Good Conduct Medals, Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, and Marine Corps Reserve Medal; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Charles Whitehurst received a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University with an emphasis in banking; in 1982, he earned a graduate degree in bank marketing from the University of Colorado at Boulder; and

WHEREAS, in November 1985, Charles Whitehurst was elected as treasurer of the City of Portsmouth; he was named Treasurer of the Year in 1992 by the Treasurers' Association of Virginia for his exceptional service, and he retired from that position on December 31, 1993; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1998, Charles Whitehurst was elected to the Portsmouth City Council; he was reelected to a second term on May 7, 2002, and served on the Portsmouth City Council until 2012; and

WHEREAS, while on the Portsmouth City Council, Charles Whitehurst was a member of numerous community organizations, civic leagues, and committees; he received numerous honors and awards and was recognized as one of the hardest-working men in public office for his efforts to serve and strengthen the community; and

WHEREAS, Charles Whitehurst will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Dollise; children, Lisa and Charles, Jr., and their families; stepchildren, Deneita, Lisa, Mimi, and D'Angel, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Charles B. Whitehurst, Sr., a respected veteran and a dedicated public servant; 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 Charles B. Whitehurst, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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