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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 204

Offered February 27, 2018

*Celebrating the life of James Henry Bowman.*

Patrons—McClellan, Dance and Spruill; Delegates: Aird, Bagby, Bourne, Carroll Foy, Hayes, Herring, James, Lindsey, McQuinn, Rasoul, Torian and Tyler

WHEREAS, James Henry Bowman, a lifelong resident of Charles City County who served and safeguarded his fellow residents as sheriff for more than a decade, died on April 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, James "Jimmie" Bowman graduated from Ruthville High School and joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Jimmie Bowman attended Virginia State College and then went to work as a lead mechanic at Fort Eustis in Yorktown, where he served the nation for 27 more years; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Jimmie Bowman pursued a career in law enforcement as a deputy sheriff with the Charles City County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Bowman was elected sheriff in 1984 and worked diligently to enforce the laws and serve and protect the people of Charles City County; he was deeply respected by his peers and was elected as the first African American president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS, working to enhance the community in many other ways, Jimmie Bowman was also a former chair of the Charles City County School Board, a member of the Charles City County Civic League and the local NAACP, and a member of Elam Baptist Church, where he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community and where he served on the Deacon Board for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Bowman will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Jackie, Gary, and Larry, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of James Henry Bowman, who made countless contributions to the residents of Charles City County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James Henry Bowman as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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