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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 368

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Commending Derwin Booker.

Patrons—Ransone; Senator: Stuart

WHEREAS, Derwin Booker, longtime member of the board of directors of the Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District, retired in 2019; and

WHEREAS, raised on a 250-acre farm in Richmond County, Derwin Booker learned the meaning of hard work from a young age while developing an appreciation for the responsible management of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a year as a page with the Virginia House of Delegates and several years of service to the country in the United States Air Force instilled in Derwin Booker a passion for leading and serving others; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge in 1968, Derwin Booker began a career in marketing, ultimately retiring from the Reuben H. Donnelley Corporation in 1989; his savvy for promotion would prove invaluable as a member of the Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District (NNSWCD) Board of Directors, which he joined in 2002; and

WHEREAS, for the past eight years, Derwin Booker chaired the NNSWCD Board while extending his efforts statewide as chair of the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts' marketing committee; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Derwin Booker was instrumental in bringing the problem of shoreline erosion in the Commonwealth to the attention of Virginia legislators, efforts that resulted in the restoration of funding for the Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service, a division of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation that helps landowners and localities mitigate this type of erosion; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Derwin Booker will remain an associate director of the NNSWCD, ensuring the region will retain an insightful voice and valued leader for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Derwin Booker, a civil servant who dedicated 18 years to the Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Derwin Booker as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Northern Neck and the Commonwealth.

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