

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 831

Commending E. Curtis Alexander, Ph.D.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2023

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, E. Curtis Alexander, Ph.D., a noted historian, educator, author, and entrepreneur in Hampton Roads, has worked indefatigably to preserve local history and to honor the legacy of the African American patriots and heroes who fought during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the great-grandson of Sergeant March Corprew, who enlisted with the Union Army and was a member of the 2nd United States Colored Cavalry during the Civil War, E. Curtis Alexander was instilled with an appreciation for history from a young age; and

WHEREAS, E. Curtis Alexander oversees the Unknown and Known Afro-Union Civil War Soldiers Memorial in Chesapeake, a site dedicated to saluting Afro-Union soldiers and sailors for their patriotism and heroism; and

WHEREAS, E. Curtis Alexander regularly organizes events at the Unknown and Known Afro-Union Civil War Soldiers Memorial to provide others with the opportunity to learn more about this important chapter of history and to honor the Afro-Union patriots who played a vital role in securing the freedom of all African Americans; and

WHEREAS, E. Curtis Alexander has lectured internationally on the histories of people of African descent in the Americas and on the Afro-Union soldiers of the Civil War, fostering greater awareness and understanding of how these groups shaped the trajectory of the United States; and

WHEREAS, E. Curtis Alexander, who holds a doctoral degree in educational psychology from Columbia University and is the founder of the Bells Mill Historical Research and Restoration Society, has earned renown throughout the Hampton Roads community for his wealth of knowledge regarding the area's history and its heroes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend E. Curtis Alexander, Ph.D., for his tireless efforts to uncover and share the local history of Hampton Roads and to commemorate the service and valor of African American soldiers who fought during the Civil War; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to E. Curtis Alexander, Ph.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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