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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 310

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Celebrating the life of Edward Godfrey West.

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WHEREAS, Edward Godfrey West, a highly admired member of the Richmond community, died on January 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Edward "Ed" Godfrey West grew up in Newport News, where he graduated from the former Huntington High School; he was a talented saxophonist who played in the school's marching and jazz bands and cultivated a love of music throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Ed West continued his education by earning a bachelor's degree from Johnson C. Smith University, where he was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and a standout football player, and a master's degree from Averett University; and

WHEREAS, Ed West served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War era and was stationed in Germany as a military policeman; and

WHEREAS, Ed West pursued a long career for over 30 years with the Defense Logistics Agency and he broke down racial barriers as the first African American to hold several leadership posts within the agency; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Defense Logistics Agency, Ed West served as a senior advisor and analyst for M.H. West & Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ed West volunteered his leadership and expertise to many civic and service organizations, including the Richmond chapters of The Links, Inc., and Continental Societies, Inc., and the boards of the Central Virginia Coalition of Healthcare Providers and the National Kidney Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ed West supported and inspired young people through his work with Jack & Jill of America, the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the USA, and the Chamberlayne Youth Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Ed West attended St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Newport News as a youth; in later life, he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Richmond, where he was a member of the choir and the hand bell choir and served with many other ministries; and

WHEREAS, Ed West will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Marilyn; his children, Meaghan and Brennan, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Edward Godfrey West; 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 Edward Godfrey West as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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