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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 348

Offered February 28, 1996

Commending Raymond G. Washington.

Patrons—Christian, Behm, Bloxom, Cooper, Councill, Crittenden, Cunningham, Diamonstein, Drake, Grayson, Hamilton, Heilig, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., McDonnell, McEachin, Melvin, Moore, Morgan, Nelms, Purkey, Robinson, Spruill, Tata, Wagner and Wardrup; Senators: Holland, Lambert, Marsh, Miller, Y.B., Schrock and Williams

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Raymond G. Washington has devoted over 30 years of his professional life to the education of the youth of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Bluefield State College with a master's degree from Indiana University, Raymond Washington began his teaching career in 1961 at James Madison Junior High School in Norfolk: and

WHEREAS, since 1968, Raymond Washington has served the youth of the City of Hampton as teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and, from 1991 to 1994, as division superintendent of the Hampton City Schools; and

WHEREAS, during his long and successful career, Raymond Washington has served education both in and out of the classroom, participating in numerous conferences and seminars and building a solid reputation as a teacher, administrator, and innovator; and

WHEREAS, among his many professional memberships, Raymond Washington includes the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, the American Association of School Administrators, the Association for Curriculum Development, and the American Association of School Personnel Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Washington has also contributed generously of his time and talents to the Peninsula community, serving on many boards and committees, including the Citizen's Boys Club of Hampton, the board of directors for the Junior League of Hampton Roads, and the Hampton branch of the YMCA: and

WHEREAS, Raymond Washington's outstanding professional and civic activities have won him frequent recognition, including numerous Teacher of the Year, Man of the Year, and Citizen of the Year awards: and

WHEREAS, for over three decades, Raymond Washington has served the citizens of Hampton and the Peninsula with great dedication, professionalism, integrity, and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Raymond G. Washington for his exceptional career of public service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Raymond G. Washington as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for his invaluable contributions to Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth.