SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 164

Commending Junius H. Williams, Portsmouth's First Citizen for 1995.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 1996 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 1996

WHEREAS, Junius H. Williams, a well-known resident of Portsmouth, was named Portsmouth's First Citizen for 1995 and is the first African American to be given this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Junius H. Williams, a graduate of Virginia State University with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in economics, was selected from among 13 people nominated for their outstanding contributions to the Portsmouth community; and

WHEREAS, the First Citizen is named by a sponsoring committee made up of former First Citizens and members of the Rotary Club, Service League, Kiwanis Club, and Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, the committee commended Junius Williams for being a force for good government, good schools, racial harmony, improved health care and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Junius H. Williams has also been commended by a host of civic leaders who have recognized him for his work in promoting the City of Portsmouth over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, among his many activities, Junius Williams is president of the Portsmouth Schools Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors for the Maryview Foundation, the Medical College of Hampton Roads Foundation Development Committee, the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Norfolk Forum; and

WHEREAS, Junius Williams served for six months as a member of the Portsmouth City Council; is a past president of Portsmouth Partnership, a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and a past member of the Portsmouth Port Authority; and has served on the City's Industrial Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Junius Williams currently serves as eastern division manager of the Office of Community and Government Affairs for Virginia Power; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly congratulate Junius H. Williams for this well-deserved recognition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Junius H. Williams as a tangible reminder of the respect of the General Assembly for his contributions to the Portsmouth community and the Commonwealth of Virginia.