

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1998 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 387

On the death of Onslow W. Minnis, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 15, 1998
Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 1998

WHEREAS, Onslow W. Minnis, Sr., a retired employee of the City of Richmond who was widely known and admired for his community service and support of the Richmond Public Schools, died on February 12, 1998; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the youth of Richmond, Onslow Minnis supported the Richmond Public Schools for many years, leading an anti-dropout effort at East End, Thompson, and Mosby Middle Schools and spearheading the drive to obtain new recreation equipment for the Bill Robinson playground; and

WHEREAS, his activism won Onslow Minnis many awards and repeated recognition from East End and Thompson Middle Schools, the Richmond School Board, and the Richmond City Council; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 1996, the East End Middle School was renamed the Onslow W. Minnis, Sr., Middle School in honor of its great benefactor; and

WHEREAS, Onslow Minnis was active in the Oakwood-Chimborazo Civic Association, the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Volunteer Feeding Program, and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, where he was a member for 63 years and a deacon for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, that the legacy of a man who gave so unstintingly of his time, energy, and talents to the youth of Richmond should live on in the Onslow W. Minnis, Sr., Middle School is an entirely appropriate tribute to this most generous of Richmond's citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a distinguished citizen of Richmond, Onslow W. Minnis, Sr.; 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 Onslow W. Minnis, Sr., as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Richmond.

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