HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 867

Commending Pleasant Shields.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1999 Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 1999

WHEREAS, Pleasant Shields, who began a second career with the Virginia Governmental Employees' Association in 1983, retired in 1998 after 15 years of service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Danville, Pleasant Shields graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1936 and has remained a faithful alumnus ever since; and

WHEREAS, Pleasant Shields began his career as a public school teacher in Southside Virginia in 1939, a career interrupted by World War II; and

WHEREAS, serving as a chief warrant officer, Pleasant Shields emerged from the war with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Pleasant Shields began his career in state service as a parole officer with the Virginia Parole Board in 1946; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 after 36 years of distinguished service, Pleasant Shields retired as Chairman of the Parole Board and began his second career with the Virginia Governmental Employees' Association; and

WHEREAS, through his two careers, Pleasant Shields has served the Commonwealth and its employees for a total of 51 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Pleasant Shields on the completion of a long and meritorious career of service to the Virginia Parole Board and the Virginia Governmental Employees' Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pleasant Shields as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for his dedication to the Commonwealth and its employees.