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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 321

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*Celebrating the life of Sidney Franklin Ricks, Sr.*

Patron—Locke

WHEREAS, Sidney Franklin Ricks, Sr., of Hampton, a respected citizen and community supporter, died on April 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, Sidney Ricks was born on May 3, 1924, but lived most of his life in the Hampton Roads community; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Ricks attended Huntington High School, graduating in 1942, and soon left for the Pacific Theater to serve his country during World War II as a proud member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military duty, Sidney Ricks attended Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, where he graduated as a member of the Invincible Class of 1950; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Ricks remained an enthusiastic member of the local and national Saint Paul's College Alumni Associations; and

WHEREAS, during college, Sidney Ricks met his devoted wife, Eunice Smith Ricks, and the couple, married nearly 57 years, had three wonderful children, LaVerne, Sidney Jr., and Edward; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Ricks worked at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind as a steam plant operator and then at Langley Air Force Base until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, concerned with the welfare of his fellow residents, Sidney Ricks was an active member of the Union Light Lodge No. 268 and the Wythe-Phoenix Improvement Association; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Ricks was a faithful member of Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church, where he served as a trustee, participated in the Men's Club, and supported the church's many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Ricks will be fondly remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and will be greatly missed by his loving family, including his five grandchildren, as well as his numerous friends and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine Virginian, Sidney Franklin Ricks, Sr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Sidney Franklin Ricks, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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