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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Offered March 4, 2008

*Commending Randolph Stewart Wright.*

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WHEREAS, Randolph Stewart Wright, an exceptional eighth-grade civics teacher at Liberty Middle School in Ashland, is the founder and leader of the Liberty Bill project; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Liberty Bill project is to convince the United States Congress to change the design of the one dollar bill so that the back side of the bill features an abridged version of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Wright and his students began working on the project in 1997, drafting legislation, called the Liberty Bill Act, and contacting their U.S. representatives and senators to discuss the proposed change; in subsequent years, his students have testified before House and Senate committees and have seen over 100 House and Senate members sign on to support the project; and

WHEREAS, in pursuing this project, Randolph Wright's students have learned a great deal about the United States Constitution and the legislative process, and many have gone on to study political science and government in college, crediting their former teacher with making these subjects relevant to their lives; and

WHEREAS, while the proposal has not been approved by Congress, Randolph Wright and his students continue their mission, feeling that printing the preamble and a brief description of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution's 27 amendments on the dollar bill is an effective way to educate their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Randolph Stewart Wright be commended for his creativity and vision as a teacher and his leadership of the Liberty Bill project; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Randolph Stewart Wright as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for his commitment to his students and to dynamic instruction methods.

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