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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 523

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Celebrating the life of John R. White.

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Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, John R. White, who ably represented the residents of Emporia for 22 years as the veteran councilman for District 2, passed away on April 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Southampton County, John White graduated from Greenville County Public Schools and received an associate's degree from Southside Virginia Community College; and

WHEREAS, John White proudly served his country in the United States Air Force before returning to Emporia and working for the Virginia Department of Corrections until his retirement with over 30 years of valued service; and

WHEREAS, John White was first elected to represent District 2 in 1988, serving during a time of change for the City Council as council members became elected from individually drawn districts as opposed to running at large; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity and honesty, John White took his responsibilities to his constituents and all the residents of Emporia seriously, working diligently to ensure that city government operated within budget and provided necessary services to residents; and

WHEREAS, John White labored for over two decades to enhance the quality of life for all Emporia residents as he ably served alongside his fellow council members and passionately advocated for the City and its growth; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader in the community, John White generously gave of his time and talents to numerous local organizations and nourished his faith through his membership at Royal Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, John White will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Beverly; daughters, Johnette, Gennell, and Joan and their families; and numerous other family members and friends, fellow council members, and the residents of Emporia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of an admired public servant, John R. White; 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 John R. White as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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