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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5197

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Celebrating the life of Charles R. Nicholson, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Charles R. Nicholson, Sr., a devoted educator and an active member of the Richmond community who was well known as an official for high school and college athletics in Central Virginia, died on June 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Richmond, Charles Nicholson graduated from Armstrong High School and earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State University and a master's degree from New York University; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, Charles Nicholson joined many of the other young men of his generation as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Charles Nicholson returned home and began his career as a physical education teacher with Richmond Public Schools in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Charles Nicholson helped countless students prepare for higher education, careers, and responsible citizenship, becoming an assistant principal and eventually retiring as the assistant director of finance for Richmond Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, a passionate supporter of youth athletics, Charles Nicholson offered his wealth of knowledge as a referee for Virginia High School League and Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) football and basketball games; he was inducted into the CIAA Hall of Fame in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Charles Nicholson enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of First African Baptist Church, where he served as a trustee for many years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Nicholson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 63 years, Agnes; children, Charles, Jr., and Tracy, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Charles R. Nicholson, Sr., a respected educator and an active member of the Richmond community; 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 Charles R. Nicholson, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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