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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 323

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Celebrating the life of Fattah A. Muhammad, Sr.

Patrons—Carr, Bourne and McQuinn; Senators: Dance and McClellan

WHEREAS, Fattah A. Muhammad, Sr., a hardworking activist who raised awareness of gang violence and established the outreach organization Rescue Aid Community Everywhere to strengthen the Richmond community, died on January 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charles City County, Fattah Muhammad worked for CSX Transportation until his well-earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Fattah Muhammad sought to increase public safety and foster a strong community spirit through grassroots activism, when he began marching in North Side and East End Richmond neighborhoods to raise awareness of gang violence; and

WHEREAS, Fattah Muhammad began to work with other activists and concerned residents and founded Rescue Aid Community Everywhere (RACE) in 1982; and

WHEREAS, under Fattah Muhammad's leadership, RACE helped build relationships of trust and mutual respect between local residents and law-enforcement officers and encouraged countless young people to make good life choices and stay away from gangs; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council recognized Fattah Muhammad for his work and positive impact on the lives of young people, particularly in the Blackwell, Oak Grove, Hull Street, and Jefferson Davis areas; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one son, Yusef, Fattah Muhammad will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Barbara, his children 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 Fattah A. Muhammad, Sr., a passionate community activist in Richmond; 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 Fattah A. Muhammad, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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