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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 198

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*Celebrating the life of Ludwell Harrison Johnson III.*

Patrons—Mason; Delegate: Mullin

WHEREAS, Ludwell Harrison Johnson III, a beloved husband and father and a respected professor emeritus of history at The College of William and Mary, died on June 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Charleston, West Virginia, Ludwell Johnson grew up in Richmond and served in the United States Navy as a young man; after his discharge from the Navy, he earned his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Johns Hopkins University; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Ludwell Johnson joined the department of history at The College of William and Mary; he remained in the department for over 40 years until his retirement, serving as its chair for several terms; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant scholar, Ludwell Johnson won wide acclaim for his writings on the 19th century United States, particularly the Civil War era; during his career, he published two books and numerous scholarly articles and reviews; and

WHEREAS, along with his formidable reputation as a researcher, Ludwell Johnson was also a dedicated teacher known for his fascinating course lectures and fondness for lively intellectual debate; he cared deeply for his students and was devoted to health and safety on campus, once leading an effort to encourage college administrators to remove asbestos from campus buildings; and

WHEREAS, a longtime supporter of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society, Ludwell Johnson continued to serve the group in retirement by acting as the steward and historian of The College of William and Mary chapter, as well as one of its chief fundraisers for scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Ludwell Johnson received numerous academic honors during his career, including the Thomas Ashley Graves, Jr. Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching and the Thomas Jefferson Award, The College of William and Mary's highest honor for leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, Ludwell Johnson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 60 years, Pamela; daughter, Abigail, and her family; and countless other family members, friends, and members of the Williamsburg community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ludwell Harrison Johnson III, a distinguished university professor with a commitment to lifelong learning; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Ludwell Harrison Johnson III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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