

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 398

*Commending William H. Talley III.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019

WHEREAS, William H. Talley III, a respected business leader, generous philanthropist, and a champion for higher education, has dedicated a lifetime of service to the Petersburg community and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, after graduating from Randolph-Macon College and the Richmond Professional Institute and serving his country as a member of the United States Army, William Talley returned to Petersburg to join the insurance and financial services firm, William H. Talley & Son, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the board of William H. Talley & Son, Inc., William Talley has maintained the company's proud legacy of excellence that dates back to its establishment in 1905; and

WHEREAS, William Talley served the City of Petersburg as a member of the Architectural Review Board for eight years and has been a longtime member of the Industrial Development Authority, serving 14 years as chair; and

WHEREAS, a passionate lifelong learner who appreciates the importance of education, William Talley served on the John Tyler Community College Foundation from 1986 to 2015 and was a member of the College Board of John Tyler Community College from 1993-2001, with terms as vice chair and chair; and

WHEREAS, William Talley played a pivotal role in effecting the partnership between John Tyler Community College and the City of Petersburg that led to the creation of a new campus in July 2007 to better serve the needs of Virginia's Gateway Region; and

WHEREAS, William Talley has further supported students by establishing endowed scholarships at John Tyler Community College, Richard Bland College, and Randolph-Macon College; and

WHEREAS, William Talley enjoys fellowship and worship with the community as a charter member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and has held leadership positions in the Petersburg District of the United Methodist Church and the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, William Talley has generously offered his leadership and expertise to many other civic, service, and professional organizations, and he has earned numerous awards and accolades from Randolph-Macon College, the Virginia Community College System, and John Tyler Community College; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William H. Talley III for his support for higher education and many contributions to John Tyler Community College and the residents of Petersburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William H. Talley III as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of servant leadership.