

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 388

Celebrating the life of John Oscar Little, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, John Oscar Little, Jr., a former educator in Newport News, died on February 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, John Little grew up in Newport News and attended Newport News High School from 1969 to 1971, when he transferred to Ferguson High School after the school became racially integrated; and

WHEREAS, after graduating high school, John Little attended The College of William & Mary and helped build a strong sense of community between Black students at the college; he was one of the first Black students to graduate from the institution with a degree in education; and

WHEREAS, John Little pursued a career as a teacher in Newport News and gave generations of elementary school students and kindergarteners the tools they needed to become lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, John Little notably taught at the former Magruder Elementary School, which later became the Discovery STEM Academy; and

WHEREAS, John Little retired as an educator after more than three decades of service to young people in the Newport News community; and

WHEREAS, John Little will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Oscar Little, Jr.; 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 Oscar Little, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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