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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 168

Offered February 23, 2023

Commending Donald Houston.

Patrons—Cosgrove, Barker, Bell, Boysko, Chase, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hackworth, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Morrissey, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Pillion, Reeves, Rouse, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Suetterlein, Surovell and Vogel

WHEREAS, Donald Houston, a valued member of the team at Meriwether Godsey, an esteemed contract dining services company, has admirably served the members of the Senate of Virginia since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Donald Houston served for 30 years with the Richmond Fire Department before his first retirement, during which time he devoted himself to the responsibility of protecting lives and property in the city; and

WHEREAS, Donald Houston joined Meriwether Godsey in 2008 as a bartender and has since worked at several prominent institutions in Richmond, including the Virginia State Capitol, St. Catherine's School, The Steward School, the Roslyn Conference and Retreat Center, and the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, Donald Houston has served at Capitol Square for every inauguration and session of the General Assembly since 2008, developing a rapport with many members of the Senate of Virginia in that time; and

WHEREAS, Donald Houston's friendly nature and attention to the needs of the Senators of the Commonwealth bring welcome respite to members as they work through the deliberations of session; and

WHEREAS, Donald Houston has endeared himself to his colleagues and others through his willingness and ability to resolve any issue that might arise; and

WHEREAS, Donald Houston enjoys spending time with his loving wife of 52 years, Wilnette, and his two daughters and three grandchildren, among many other favored pastimes; and

WHEREAS, Donald Houston's dedication and commitment to ensuring the well-being of others both at the Virginia State Capitol and with the Richmond Fire Department are deserving of the respect of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Donald Houston hereby be commended for his legacy of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Donald Houston as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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