1996 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

On the death of Joseph Elliott "Red" Knight.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 19, 1996 Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 1996

WHEREAS, Joseph Elliott "Red" Knight, a well-known and widely respected member of the Simonsdale community of Portsmouth, died on July 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nansemond and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Red Knight retired after nearly four decades of service to the Norfolk Naval Supply Yard; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Red Knight devoted his time and energy to the Simonsdale community through his membership in the Monday Morning Coffee Club, a group of volunteers who met to discuss neighborhood problems and what they could do to solve them; and

WHEREAS, among his many contributions, Red Knight collected newspapers for recycling, giving the proceeds to finance neighborhood clean-up and repair efforts; and

WHEREAS, an extraordinarily gracious, soft-spoken man, Red Knight was so effective in his community service efforts that he was thought of by many residents as "Mr. Simonsdale"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of a fine Virginian, Joseph Elliott "Red" Knight; 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 Joseph Elliott "Red" Knight as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.