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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 868

Offered February 20, 2025

Commending Edward L. Wright, Jr.

Patron-Hayes

WHEREAS, Edward L. Wright, Jr., a veteran, educator, community leader, and loyal member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, has made numerous contributions to the Portsmouth community; and

WHEREAS, Edward Wright grew up in Norfolk, where he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School; he continued his education at the Norfolk Division of Virginia State University until he was drafted 10 into the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Edward Wright earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia 11 12 Union University and began a career as a history teacher at Hayden High School in Franklin; he was a champion for the promotion of history education throughout his career; and 13

WHEREAS, Edward Wright subsequently transferred to Portsmouth Public Schools, from which he 14 15 retired in 1991; he also supervised student-teacher education at Norfolk State University until 1998; and

WHEREAS, Edward Wright was inducted into Portsmouth's Zeta Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi 16 Fraternity in 1965, and he was well known as a top seller for scholarship and fundraising events for many 17 years, going above and beyond to help make a difference in the lives of community members; and 18

19 WHEREAS, Edward Wright enjoys fellowship and worship with his community as a life member of Saint 20 John's A.M.E. Church in Norfolk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Edward L. Wright, Jr., hereby be commended for his 21 lifetime of service to his community, his country, and his Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and, be it 22

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for 23 presentation to Edward L. Wright, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his 24 25 achievements.