

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 866

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending Christopher James Woody, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Christopher James Woody, Sr., an esteemed member of the Richmond community, has nurtured the well-being of others by dedicating his life to service, philanthropy, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Woody grew up in the Southside of Richmond and graduated from what was formerly known as George Wythe High School, now the Richmond High School for the Arts, in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Woody established The Woody Foundation in 2008 and, as its chief executive officer, has worked to help hundreds of families while improving the lives of inner-city youth; and

WHEREAS, in addition to supporting 400 families during The Woody Foundation's 2016 toy giveaway, Christopher Woody has also partnered with the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program, and his church's Spirit of Giving program, providing food, gifts, and assistance to many; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Woody is a two-time living organ donor who saved two lives by donating both a kidney to his young cousin in 2013 and 62 percent of his liver to another recipient in need in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Woody promotes organ donation awareness through his work as a board member of the United Network for Organ Sharing and as a spokesperson for the National Multiethnic Donor Awareness Month initiative; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his efforts, Christopher Woody became the first living kidney donor and the first African American living donor to be featured on the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing car No. 51 driven by Joey Gase for Donate Life Virginia; he was also presented a living donor proclamation from Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney; and

WHEREAS, beyond his advocacy and philanthropy, Christopher Woody is a professional dancer who has graced the stage at various prominent venues while opening for acclaimed artists such as Al Green, Lyfe Jennings, and UniverSoul Circus; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Woody's selflessness, courage, and determination have made an impact that will continue to reverberate throughout the Richmond community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Christopher James Woody, Sr., hereby be commended for his extraordinary heroism, advocacy, and service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Christopher James Woody, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to Richmond and the Commonwealth.

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