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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 323**

Offered March 1, 2022

Celebrating the life of Willie James Moffett.

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WHEREAS, Willie James Moffett, a respected public servant and highly admired community leader

in Hampton, died on February 1, 2022; and WHEREAS, Willie "Will" Moffett grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended Kettering High School; he continued his education at the University of South Carolina, St. Leo University, and the North Carolina College of Theology; and

WHEREAS, Will Moffett served his country for six years as a member of the United States Air Force, then pursued a 30-year career with the Department of the Army as a visual information manager and director of plans, mobilization, training, and security; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Department of the Army, Will Moffett established Moffett Consultants; he was also a dedicated volunteer, offering his leadership and expertise to the Hampton Neighborhood Commission, Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Hampton 400th Anniversary Committee, and many other nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Will Moffett represented Hampton before the International City/County Management Association and played a pivotal role in the creation of the Y.H. Thomas Community Center, and helped the city win two All-America City Awards from the National Civic League; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Will Moffett ran for and was elected to the Hampton City Council in 2010 and was reelected in 2014; during his tenure, he represented the city before several regional boards and commissions, including the Transportation District of Hampton Roads and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, Will Moffett served as a delegate to the National League of Cities, Cities United, and the Virginia Municipal League, and he was selected to participate in the 2011 Reinhard Mohn Prize Symposium on civic engagement in Germany; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Will Moffett received the prestigious Hampton Distinguished Citizen Award, the Omega Psi Phi Citizen of the Year Award, and the Kappa Alpha Psi Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Will Moffett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 49 years, Theresa; his children, Tetaun, Telon, and Tamara, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Willie James Moffett, a community leader and public servant who touched countless lives in Hampton; 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 Willie James Moffett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.