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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 467

Bill Title: General Provisions-Commemorative Days-Prince Hall Day Hearing Date: March 8, 2024 Education, Energy and the Environment

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I am writing to request a favorable vote for **Senate Bill 467**, which seeks to establish the second Sunday in September as Prince Hall Day in Maryland. I believe this legislation is not only a suitable tribute to Prince Hall but also a significant step towards recognizing the contributions of African Americans to our state's history and culture.

Prince Hall was a prominent figure in American history, particularly within the context of African American Freemasonry. His legacy is one of resilience, leadership, and advocacy for equality and justice. By designating a day in his honor, Maryland would join other states in acknowledging his invaluable contributions to society.

By establishing Prince Hall Day would serve as an educational opportunity for Marylanders of all ages. It provides a platform to teach our young scholars about the importance of Prince Hall's work in advocating for the rights and dignity of African Americans during a time of pervasive discrimination and inequality. His efforts paved the way for progress and inspired generations to come.

In closing, I ask that you vote favorable to **Senate Bill 467** and recommend its passage. By establishing Prince Hall Day.

Respectfully,

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