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Testimony in Favor of HB1491
General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Prince Hall Day

**Chair Pena- Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and members of the Health and Government
Operations Committee**

I respectfully request a favorable report of HB1491. This bill would require the Governor to annually proclaim the second Sunday in September as Prince Hall Day. 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.

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.

I respectfully request a favorable report on HB1491.

Sincerely,

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