

## 2000 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 425

Offered February 15, 2000

*Commending G. Robert Aston, Jr.*

Patrons—Joannou, Blevins, Diamonstein, Drake, Jones, J.C., Jones, S.C., McDonnell, Melvin, Moss, Purkey, Robinson, Spruill, Suit, Tata, Wagner, Wardrup and Williams; Senators: Forbes, Lucas, Miller, Y.B., Quayle, Rerras, Schrock and Stolle

WHEREAS, G. Robert Aston, Jr., chief executive officer and chairman of the board of TowneBank in Portsmouth, has been selected the 2000 First Citizen of Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Portsmouth public schools, the National Installment Lending School at the University of Oklahoma, and the Graduate School of Retail Banking at the University of Virginia, Robert Aston has been a successful banking executive in Hampton Roads for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Aston has played a prominent role in higher education in Hampton Roads as a past chairman of the board of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, past member of the board of visitors of Norfolk State University, member of the board of trustees of Virginia Wesleyan College, and member of the board of trustees and past president of the Intercollegiate Foundation of Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, a past chairman of the board of the Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center, Robert Aston is a present member of the board of directors of Bon Secours Health Systems, Inc. and the 2000 Heart Ball Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Robert Aston is the vice president of the board of directors of Portsmouth Partnership and vice president and capital campaign chairman of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, a man with deep roots in the Portsmouth community, Robert Aston continues to provide distinguished service to the citizens of Portsmouth and Hampton Roads in a wide variety of civic leadership positions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate G. Robert Aston, Jr., on being named 2000 First Citizen of Portsmouth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to G. Robert Aston, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his dedicated service to the citizens of Portsmouth.

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