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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

Offered January 17, 2000

*On the death of Charles T. Green.*

Patrons—Thomas, Abbitt, Albo, Bloxom, Callahan, Clement, Cranwell, Deeds, Devolites, Dickinson, Dillard, Grayson, Hull, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson, Keister, Phillips, Pollard, Ruff, Shuler, Stump, Tate and Woodrum

WHEREAS, Charles T. Green, a longtime Roanoke civil rights leader and community activist, died on October 8, 1999; and

WHEREAS, shortly after his arrival in Roanoke as a young minister in 1962, Charles Green began urging the city to hire and promote more African-Americans as police officers, truck drivers, and city workers; and

WHEREAS, the pastor of the Staunton Avenue Church of God for 17 years, Reverend Green was one of Southwest Virginia's first African-American chaplains, serving at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital, the Roanoke City Jail, Catawba Hospital, and Burrell and Lakeview adult homes; and

WHEREAS, a longtime leader in the Roanoke branch of the NAACP, Reverend Green served five terms as president of the organization and was a member of the executive board at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate for racial harmony and an effective and tireless advocate for minorities, women, and the poor, Reverend Green used his skills and abilities to help individuals and to reform large organizations and institutions; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s and 1970s, Reverend Green was a leader in the effort to desegregate Roanoke's schools, lunch counters, and downtown businesses and was throughout his career unintimidated by public officials or community and corporate leaders; and

WHEREAS, an acting administrator of Burrell Memorial Hospital in the mid-1970s, Reverend Green was also a member of People Uniting Against Racism and a member of the board of directors of Total Action Against Poverty and the Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, his determination and impassioned advocacy notwithstanding, Reverend Green is remembered also as a conciliator, with impressive persuasive skills and a great and unwavering affection for the City of Roanoke and its people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of one of Roanoke's most prominent and valuable citizens, Charles T. Green; 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 Charles T. Green as an expression of the high esteem in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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