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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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Commending Dr. Mason C. Andrews.

Patron—Miller, Y.B.

WHEREAS, Mason C. Andrews, a 25-year member of the Norfolk City Council and the man widely credited with the revitalization of Norfolk's downtown, has announced his intention to retire on completion of his term in May 2000; and

WHEREAS, elected to the Norfolk City Council in 1974, Mason Andrews has served as mayor, from 1992 to 1994, and as vice mayor, from 1978 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, a nationally known obstetrician and gynecologist and a professor at Eastern Virginia Medical School, which he was instrumental in developing, Dr. Andrews somehow found time to become one of the most influential leaders in Norfolk's recent history; and

WHEREAS, representing Norfolk's Ward 6, which encompasses nearly half of the city, Dr. Andrews headed the task force that recommended the construction of the downtown campus of Tidewater Community College, which named its science building in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews' persistence and vision led to the development of the Waterside Festival Marketplace, widely viewed as the catalyst that sparked the transformation of a decaying downtown Norfolk to the booming commercial and residential area that exists today; and

WHEREAS, also a leader in the development of Norfolk's latest downtown attraction, the MacArthur Center, Dr. Andrews has remained true to his vision of what downtown Norfolk should be—a vision that has largely been realized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews led a task force that resulted in Norfolk being named the only federal enterprise zone in Virginia and has long been committed to improving educational and job training for residents of Norfolk's impoverished neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, a man with a vision and the discipline, persistence, and political skills to see it realized, Dr. Andrews used his unique gifts and extraordinary energy for 25 years to improve the lives of the citizens of Norfolk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Dr. Mason C. Andrews on the completion of his sterling career of public service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Mason C. Andrews as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for the lasting impact he has made on the City of Norfolk.

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