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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 426

Offered February 25, 2002

Commending Dr. David Frederick Russell.

Patrons—Cole, Howell, McDougale and Orrock; Senators: Chichester and Houck

WHEREAS, Dr. David Frederick Russell of Spotsylvania is the National Chaplain of the American Legion, a pastor, a professor of theology, and an exceptionally dedicated community servant and humanitarian; and

WHEREAS, a native of Detroit, Michigan, and a veteran of service in the United States Air Force, Dr. Russell served during the Korean Conflict and attained the rank of airman second class; and

WHEREAS, a pastor for more than 43 years, Dr. Russell has led five congregations, currently serves as pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Stafford, and has served in leadership positions in a wide variety of Baptist associations and ministries; and

WHEREAS, a member and chaplain of American Legion Post No. 320 in Spotsylvania since 1987, Dr. Russell has served as post chaplain for 14 years and has worked with other Legionnaires to help many needy local families; and

WHEREAS, perceiving a need to help local citizens who lack food and clothing, Dr. Russell was instrumental in Post No. 320's starting a food pantry to meet that need; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Russell's leadership, Post No. 320 frequently covers the cost of buying clothing for local children, and with the help of the Boy Scouts and other Legionnaires, he has ensured that 50 needy families have the food they need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Russell has established a program to assist veterans stranded in the community with food, lodging, and the funds needed to help them reach their destinations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service to his parishioners and his community, Dr. Russell, who holds doctorates in theology and religious education, has been teaching since 1990 at the Fredericksburg Bible Institute and Seminary; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents and limitless energy, Dr. David Frederick Russell has served the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of his fellow man with great dedication and effectiveness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Dr. David Frederick Russell for his devotion to his family, his church, and his community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. David Frederick Russell as an expression of the admiration and gratitude of the General Assembly.

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