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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1023

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Commending the Reverend Robert A. Brownell.

Patron—O'Bannon

WHEREAS, the Reverend Robert A. Brownell, respected and beloved pastor and friend to all who walk through the doors of St. Peter's Catholic Church, is recognized for his outstanding service to his fellow citizens and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, before coming to Richmond, Father Brownell served in missionary work in South America for over 10 years, helping to feed and clothe the poor and bringing great spiritual comfort to countless people in need; and

WHEREAS, a pastor of exceptional dedication and devotion, Father Brownell came to St. Peter's Catholic Church in 1990 to serve the residents of the downtown Richmond community and Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Father Brownell has been instrumental in the development and continued success of many social outreach programs to help the homeless, the hungry, and other persons in need in Richmond, including the Downtown Community Ministries, VCU Medical Center's on-call service, and Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter, or CARITAS; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration and mentor to his colleagues and parishioners alike, Father Brownell has worked tirelessly to help others and through his compassion and enthusiasm has touched the lives of countless people; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter's Catholic Church celebrates its 175th anniversary in 2009, and the church, guided by Father Brownell, has helped to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Richmond and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Reverend Robert A. Brownell on his outstanding service as the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Robert A. Brownell as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his many accomplishments and best wishes in all his future endeavors.

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