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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 869

Offered February 14, 2011

*Commending Minnie A. Stiff, M.D.*

Patron—BaCote; Senator: Locke

WHEREAS, Minnie A. Stiff, M.D., a respected pediatrician and admired community volunteer, will be honored at the 2011 Annual Rosa Parks Prayer Breakfast in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Rosa Parks Prayer Breakfast honors women who exemplify the strength and character of esteemed civil rights icon Rosa Parks; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Norfolk State College (now University), Minnie Stiff went on to receive a master's degree from Iowa State University and a medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and skilled physician, Dr. Stiff has been a beloved pediatrician in private practice since 1976, helping children and their families through the usual childhood illnesses and educating them in healthy living practices; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her profession, Dr. Stiff has continued to stay abreast of the latest medical advances and changes in the medical community through her membership in the American Medical Association, National Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Medical Society of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stiff has shared her experience and insight as an adjunct faculty member at Hampton University and Old Dominion University Family Nurse Practitioner Programs and as a member of the faculty at Eastern Virginia Medical School's Physician Assistants Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stiff ably served as chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Sentara Hampton General Hospital and as a member of the Board of Visitors of Eastern Virginia Medical School; and

WHEREAS, despite a busy schedule, Dr. Stiff has also found time to mentor students in the Newport News Talented and Gifted Program and the Governor's School for Science and Technology, encouraging them to excel in their endeavors in preparation for a bright future; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stiff has been engaged in community service through her affiliation with The Hampton Chapter of the Links, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church; and as a member of the board of directors of the local Salvation Army group and Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great strength of character and intellect, Dr. Stiff has humbly served children and fellow residents of the Newport News area for three decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Minnie A. Stiff, M.D., for her recognition at the 2011 Annual Rosa Parks Prayer Breakfast in Newport News; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Minnie A. Stiff, M.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for her many contributions to the community.

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