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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 301**

Offered February 1, 2012

Commending the Right Reverend David Colin Jones.

Patron—Cox, J.A.

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WHEREAS, the Right Reverend David Colin Jones, with the unfailing support and assistance of his wife, Kay, has served as Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia since June 24, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jones served as both deacon and priest in the Diocese of West Virginia, and then as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke, in the Diocese of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in more than 40 years of ordained ministry, both in the mountainous heights of West Virginia and in the sunny vales of Virginia, in parish work, on numerous judicatory bodies, and in ecumenical relationships, he has always boldly proclaimed and interpreted the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring the conscience of the people; and

WHEREAS, in church planting and overseas mission, he has ceaselessly encouraged and supported all baptized people, nourishing them from the riches of God's grace, showing compassion to the poor and strangers, and defending those who have no helper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Right Reverend David Colin Jones on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Right Reverend David Colin Jones as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his abiding support and friendship and hopes that the years to come may be a time of rest and continued delight and growth in service.