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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80

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*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dr. Charles F. Mapp.*

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Charles F. Mapp, beloved pastor of African Baptist Church in Cheriton, an influential educator, former baseball player for the Negro League, and United States Army veteran, finished his earthly ministry on June 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Charles Mapp began the journey of faith that would be the hallmark of his life when he joined New Mount Zion Baptist Church in the small town of Painter in Accomack County; and

WHEREAS, after completing high school, Charles Mapp proudly served his country in the United States Army before returning home and marrying the love of his life, Luagia Jubilee, with whom he shared over 60 years of marriage that blessed them with three children; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of education, Charles Mapp received an undergraduate degree from Virginia Union University and a bachelor of theology degree from American Bible College and Seminary; he later received an honorary doctor of divinity degree; and

WHEREAS, often known as the "Quiet Giant," Charles Mapp taught mathematics and science in Accomack County Public Schools for 32 years, instructing students in the intricacies of trigonometry, algebra, physics, chemistry, and biology while serving as an exemplary role model; and

WHEREAS, known throughout Northampton and Accomack Counties for his extraordinary pitching ability, Charles Mapp played professional baseball for the Indianapolis Clowns, and after an injury prematurely ended his career, continued to share his passion for the game with local youth; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mapp, who had possessed a deep and abiding faith since childhood, then entered the ministry, serving as pastor of Herbert Baptist Church in Wachapreague and Antioch Baptist Church in Birdsnest before becoming pastor of African Baptist Church in 1961, a calling he held until his passing; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Reverend Mapp led African Baptist Church, playing an influential role in the spiritual lives of members while also taking leadership roles on the local and state level to support the Baptist faith; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mapp served as the past president of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and as former moderator of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, a well-known figure in the community, Reverend Mapp was the past president of the Northampton Branch of the NAACP and Northampton County Voters League and past chair of the Northampton County Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, a humble man who possessed a genuine interest in the welfare of others, Reverend Mapp uttered powerful prayers that lifted up individuals and were an expression of his own deep relationship with his God; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mapp leaves behind a sterling legacy of service to his country, community, church, and family that others may strive to emulate; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, Charles, Charles Mapp leaves behind to cherish his memory, his beloved wife of 61 years, Luagia; two daughters, Cynthia and Sylvia, and their families; other family members and friends; and the congregation of African Baptist Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an outstanding citizen of the Commonwealth, the Reverend Dr. Charles F. Mapp; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend Dr. Charles F. Mapp as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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