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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 841**

Offered January 27, 2017

*Commending Carl Wheatley Haywood.*

Patrons—Hayes; Senator: Spruill

WHEREAS, Carl Wheatley Haywood is retiring in 2017, after a lengthy and successful career as a master musician, conductor, arranger, and educator at Norfolk State University; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, Carl Haywood graduated cum laude from Norfolk State University, earned Master of Sacred Music (organ) and Master of Music (choral conducting) degrees from Southern Methodist University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Carl Haywood wears many hats within the Division of Music at Norfolk State University (NSU): he is chair of Visual and Performing Arts, director of the Division of Music, and director of Choral Activities, conducting the NSU Concert Choir and the Spartan Chorale; and

WHEREAS, the NSU choral department has a national reputation for mastery in choral music and Carl Haywood is recognized as a superb choral conductor and organist with superior musical acumen; and

WHEREAS, Carl Haywood conducted an inspiring and exciting joint performance of the NSU Concert Choir and the Virginia Symphony in 2014, when the choir and orchestra presented music that represented the lives of six individuals ranging from world figures to local leaders; and

WHEREAS, Carl Haywood is a devoted educator respected for his thorough and vigorous teaching style; he is a friend to young musicians and strives to inspire all students under his direction to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional career at NSU, Carl Haywood serves as a clinician, adjudicator, guest conductor, and lecturer for schools, colleges, universities, and churches around the country; and

WHEREAS, Carl Haywood is a leading church musician and, for 26 years, he served as organist and choir director at Grace Episcopal Church in Norfolk; he is also highly decorated in the music and teaching fields, collecting numerous accolades throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Carl Haywood holds memberships in the American Choral Directors Association, American Guild of Organists, Association of Anglican Musicians, National Association of Negro Musicians, Music Educators National Conference, Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternity, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, under Carl Haywood's guidance and leadership the NSU choral department reached a pinnacle and he will be greatly missed by the university's students, faculty, and administrators he inspired through his music and his friendship over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Carl Wheatley Haywood on his retirement in 2017, after a distinguished career as a master musician, conductor, arranger, and educator at Norfolk State University; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carl Wheatley Haywood as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to the art of music and cultural contributions to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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