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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 420

Offered February 16, 2017

Commending James B. Oliver, Jr.

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WHEREAS, James B. Oliver, Jr., a respected public servant who offered his able leadership to the City of Norfolk and communities throughout Hampton Roads for many years, was named Norfolk's 2016 First Citizen; and

WHEREAS, the annual Norfolk's First Citizen award has been presented by the Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk for nearly 90 years to recognize the distinguished service of an individual or couple in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" B. Oliver, Jr., holds degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Columbia University, and Old Dominion University; he began his career as a journalist, then became the public information officer for the City of Norfolk in 1969; and

WHEREAS, during his long career in the public sector, Jim Oliver served as assistant city manager of Norfolk from 1970 to 1976, county administrator of James City County from 1976 to 1986, city manager of Norfolk from 1987 to 1999, city manager of Portsmouth from 2004 to 2007, and interim city manager of Hampton in 2009; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected in the field of local government, Jim Oliver served as a mediator on the Virginia Commission on Local Government and was a consultant for the National Academy of Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Jim Oliver has also volunteered his time and expert leadership with numerous civic, service, and charitable organizations, earning numerous other awards and accolades for his good work; and

WHEREAS, Jim Oliver will receive the 2016 Norfolk's First Citizen award at a banquet on April 8, 2017, at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That James B. Oliver, Jr., hereby be commended on his selection as Norfolk's First Citizen; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James B. Oliver, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his exceptional leadership and decades of service to the Norfolk community.

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