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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 421

Offered February 16, 2017

*Commending the Reverend Curtis Eugene Edmonds, Sr.*

Patrons—Heretick, Cole, Plum, Rasoul, Tyler and Ware

WHEREAS, the Reverend Curtis Eugene Edmonds, Sr., a respected spiritual leader and public servant who has made many contributions to the Portsmouth community, retired from the Portsmouth City Council in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, Curtis Edmonds graduated from I. C. Norcom High School and served his country as a member of the United States Air Force in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Curtis Edmonds returned home and worked for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, where he retired as an industrial engineering technician in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Edmonds holds a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University, a master's degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology, and a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, for 20 years, Curtis Edmonds has served as a pastor, teacher, spiritual leader, and friend to the congregation of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, where he was appointed as bishop in 2007; he has also served as spiritual advisor to the Portsmouth Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Curtis Edmonds ran for and was elected to the Portsmouth City Council and ably represented his fellow residents on the council from 2010 to 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Reverend Curtis Eugene Edmonds, Sr., hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement from the Portsmouth City Council in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Curtis Eugene Edmonds, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his service to the residents of Portsmouth.

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