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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 470

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Commending the Reverend Kirk Ballin.

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Kirk Ballin was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and has resided throughout the United States and Switzerland; he earned a bachelor's degree from Colorado College, a master's degree in cultural anthropology from the University of Virginia, and a master of divinity from Harvard Divinity School; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ballin has served as an ordained minister with fellowship in the Unitarian Universalist Association for many years and has been called by its congregations in Meadville, Pennsylvania (1984 - 1987), Roanoke (1987 - 1999), and Lynchburg (1999 - 2003); and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ballin has also served as trauma unit chaplain with the Carilion Health System, executive director of the National Conference for Community and Justice, and program coordinator of AgrAbility Virginia, a joint USDA-funded project of Virginia Tech and Easter Seals UCP North Carolina & Virginia, serving farmers and ranchers with disabilities in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ballin has been a distinguished, faithful leader of the community, defending the inherent worth and dignity of every person, fighting for justice in human relations, encouraging the free and responsible search for truth, and respecting the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2017, Reverend Ballin was honored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke as its first minister emeritus by a vote of the congregation recognizing his enduring and faithful service and embracing his continuing ministry to the life of the congregation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Reverend Kirk Ballin, the first minister emeritus of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke, for his many contributions to the Roanoke community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Kirk Ballin as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the spiritual leadership he provides the residents of Roanoke.

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