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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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Recognizing the achievements and contributions of the Honorable Dr. William Ferguson Reid and expressing support for the placement of a monument on Monument Avenue in the City of Richmond in honor of his service to the Commonwealth.

Patrons—Guzman, Adams, D.M., Aird, Ayala, Boysko, Delaney, Rasoul, Rodman and Toscano

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dr. William Ferguson "Fergie" Reid, a native of the City of Richmond, earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University and a medical degree from Howard University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, upon completing his medical internship and residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Fergie Reid enlisted in the military, serving with distinction as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in the 1st Marine Division in Korea and later at the United States Naval Hospital in Bethesda; and

WHEREAS, returning to Richmond after the Korean War, Fergie Reid became active in civic and political affairs; in 1956 he cofounded the Richmond Crusade for Voters, an organization instrumental in assisting black voters to register and to mobilize politically during the era of massive resistance; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his community, Fergie Reid ran for and was elected to the 35th House District in 1967 and ably represented the residents of the City of Richmond and Henrico County until 1972; and

WHEREAS, Fergie Reid continues to be an active member in numerous civic, medical, political, and community organizations, giving freely of his time, talents, and sage advice; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Fergie Reid's 90th birthday, the 90 for 90 campaign was launched in Virginia to register 90 new voters in each of the Commonwealth's precincts, appealing to potential registrants that "Voting is a Right, not a Privilege"; and

WHEREAS, during his longstanding tenure in Virginia politics, Fergie Reid has been a tower of strength and an inspiration for those who seek a stronger democracy, strive to uphold the principles of the Commonwealth, and demand justice for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Honorable Dr. William Ferguson Reid hereby be recognized for his achievements and contributions as a compassionate physician, a staunch civil rights advocate, a revered political mentor, and a respected former member of the House of Delegates; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the House of Delegates support the placement of a monument on Monument Avenue in the City of Richmond in honor of his outstanding service to the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Richmond City Council so that they may be apprised of the sense of the Virginia House of Delegates in this matter.

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