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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1079

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending the Reverend Christopher C. Carter, Sr.

Patrons—Price and Ward; Senators: Locke and Mason

WHEREAS, for 25 years, the Reverend Christopher C. Carter, Sr., has provided his wise spiritual leadership to the Hampton community as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher Carter is a native of Newport News; he was reared in Hampton and educated in the Hampton Public School System; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher Carter is a lifelong learner with an associate's degree from Thomas Nelson Community College, bachelor's and master's degrees from Liberty University, and an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Norfolk Seminary and College; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Reverend Christopher Carter has been the independent co-owner of the C. C. Carter Funeral Home in Newport News, alongside his wife Anita R. Carter, serving members of the community with the utmost dignity and care through end-of-life events; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher Carter is actively involved in civic duties as an appointed member of the City of Hampton Parking Authority and the chair of the City of Hampton City Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher Carter has been recognized professionally with the Pastor of the Month award from Murray's Steaks, Inc., for his leadership and service to the community; he actively participates in fraternal organizations including the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and *Les Hommes* Civic Club; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher Carter and Anita Carter have helped the congregation of New Hope Baptist Church grow in faith and numbers; in 2002, he dedicated land on New Bethel Road for a new building and an expansion of the church; he charismatically leads the congregation with weekly religious and educational services, soul-stirring singing, and specific programming for children, teens, and adults; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Reverend Christopher C. Carter, Sr., pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, for 25 years of wise spiritual leadership to the Hampton 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 Christopher C. Carter, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his sage religious and communal guidance.

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