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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 475

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending the Reverend Monsignor William H. Carr.*

Patrons—Sturtevant and Dunnavant

WHEREAS, the Reverend Monsignor William H. Carr, pastor of St. Bridget Catholic Church in Richmond, has offered his wise spiritual leadership to communities throughout the Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, William Carr was ordained on May 24, 1969, and began his ministry at The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, where he engaged with the community as director of parish productions, organizing plays and dinner-theatre events such as "Murder in the Cathedral"; and

WHEREAS, William Carr founded Holy Spirit Parish in Virginia Beach in 1975 and served as pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Richmond from 1983 to 1993, then became pastor of St. Bede Parish in Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, William Carr was elevated to the rank of reverend monsignor by Pope John Paul II, and in 2005, he returned to Richmond as pastor of St. Bridget Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, William Carr worked with parish leadership to develop a master plan for St. Bridget Catholic Church and oversaw renovations of St. Bridget Catholic School, including new windows and a new heating and air conditioning system; and

WHEREAS, under William Carr's leadership, St. Bridget Catholic Church purchased a Buzard Opus 42-pipe organ to provide world-class musical accompaniment for the congregation; on January 12, 2019, the church also completed a landscaping project and dedicated its new bell tower; and

WHEREAS, William Carr helped the congregation of St. Bridget Catholic Church grow in faith through his "The Real Presence" programs, subsequently expanding those programs to local students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Reverend Monsignor William H. Carr for his 50 years of service to many communities in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Monsignor William H. Carr as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his faith leadership and contributions to communities throughout the Commonwealth.

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