

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1998 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 104

Commending the Reverend Tyler C. Millner.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 1998

Agreed to by the Senate, January 29, 1998

WHEREAS, 20 years ago on January 15th the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was marked by little more than annual worship services; and

WHEREAS, representing the Richmond Association of Black Clergy, the Reverend Tyler C. Millner approached Dr. Grace M. Pleasants, then the director of counseling at Virginia Union University, with his ideas for additional community education programs; and

WHEREAS, with the enthusiastic assistance of the late Dr. Pleasants, the Reverend Millner established a diverse program called Community Learning Week in 1978; and

WHEREAS, for 20 years the Reverend Millner has organized Community Learning Week in Richmond to commemorate the manifold contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Richmond's Community Learning Week now includes a worship service, community readings, mass meetings, breakfasts, dinners, speeches, and educational events at Virginia Union University, Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Richmond and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College; and

WHEREAS, following five years as executive vice president at Virginia Union University, the Reverend Millner became pastor of Morning Star Holy Church in Martinsville, and for the past several years he has commuted to Richmond to ensure the continued success of Community Learning Week; and

WHEREAS, due to the extraordinary efforts of the Reverend Millner, Richmond's Community Learning Week has become a national model for celebrating the King holiday; and

WHEREAS, the 1998 Community Learning Week will be the last under the expert guidance of the Reverend Millner, who has announced his retirement as director to devote more time to his pastoral duties in Martinsville and his growing family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Reverend Tyler C. Millner for his 20 years of meritorious service to Richmond's Community Learning Week; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Tyler C. Millner as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the outstanding success of the program he founded.

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