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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 224

Offered February 11, 1998

*Commending the Reverend Charles Hart.*

Patrons—Miller, Y.B., Lambert, Lucas, Marsh and Maxwell; Delegates: Baskerville, Jones, J.C., McEachin and Robinson

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Hart celebrated his 40th year of service in the ministry in 1997, including the last 22 years as pastor of Norfolk's Mount Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Rev. Hart came to Norfolk in 1975, after holding pastoral posts in Dallas, North Carolina, and Richmond; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith College, Rev. Hart holds a master's degree from Virginia Union University and a doctor of divinity degree from the Teamer School of Religion; and

WHEREAS, since becoming pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Hart has overseen a large building project, the paying off of the church's mortgage, and the implementation of several innovative programs; and

WHEREAS, active in the church and the community, Rev. Hart is the first African-American to serve as president of the Great Bridge Clergy Association and has served as president of the Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers Conference and as a board member of the Hampton Ministers Conference and Choir Guild; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Hart also serves as a member of the board of the Southside Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, over the span of four decades, Rev. Charles Hart has built a remarkable career of service to the Norfolk community and to the 500 members of Mount Zion Baptist Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly congratulate the Reverend Charles Hart on the occasion of his 40th anniversary as a pastor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Charles Hart as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his remarkable career.

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