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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 551

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Commending Dr. A. Lincoln James, Jr.

Patron—Jones, D.C. and McClellan

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Lincoln James, Jr., was called to serve as pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, in 1980 and has now served his church for more than a quarter of a century; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Trinity Baptist Church and under his inspired leadership, the Church has grown to a congregation of over 5,000, and its yearly budget now exceeds \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James came to Trinity Baptist Church with the theme "Pastor and People, One in the Spirit, Living a More Excellent Way," and he has followed through on that theme with the establishment of numerous ministries serving the Church and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, examples of Dr. James' ministries include the Trinity Soup Kitchen, Thrift Shop, Community Assistance Program, Radio and TV Outreach Ministry, Prison Ministry, and an expanded Youth Ministry; and

WHEREAS, the breadth of Dr. James' service extends beyond his Church and community, as shown by his commitment to many organizations such as the Virginia Union University School of Theology, Unified Shiloh Baptist Association, Junior Youth and College Division of the NAACP, the Baptist Ministers Conference, and the Bethlehem Center for Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James serves as the President of the Richmond Affiliate of the Congress of National Black Churches and has taught at numerous colleges, universities, and conventions throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James was elected president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, leading hundreds of pastors and churches in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James is a gifted orator and is in demand as a revivalist and special occasion speaker; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. A. Lincoln James, Jr., on his remarkable career of service and outstanding leadership that has greatly benefited his Church, his community, and this Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. A. Lincoln James, Jr., as evidence of the high regard of the General Assembly for his many accomplishments and its sincere hope that he will continue his service and leadership for many years to come.

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