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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162

Offered February 7, 2013

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Lynne J. Bradley.

Patron—Tyler

WHEREAS, the Reverend Lynne J. Bradley, an inspiring spiritual leader and retired educator who served the congregation of Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Jarrett with great faithfulness, died on January 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Halifax County, North Carolina, Lynne Bradley was the son of Johnnie Lee and Sarah Bradley and was a graduate of Northwest Halifax High School; he earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina A&T State University and later, a master's degree from East Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Bradley began an outstanding career in education as a teacher at Eastman Middle School and moved to East Wake Middle School and Southeast Halifax High School before becoming principal of his alma mater, Northwest Halifax High School; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator, Lynne Bradley worked to create positive learning environments in which all students could thrive, serving as a role model to students and providing strong support to teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, as a young boy, Lynne Bradley looked up to his grandfather, the Reverend William R. Jones, and often played church and practiced preaching; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Bradley answered the call to the ministry and gave his first sermon at Shearin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in 1983, gave more than 75 sermons during his first year of ministry, and was ordained in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Bradley served as pastor to Pleasant Zion Baptist Church, Odell Baptist Church, Greater Ashley Chapel Baptist Church, and Zion Cross Baptist Church, sharing words of hope and encouragement to individuals in their spiritual journeys; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, Lynne Bradley was pastor of Shearin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, and Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Jarrett, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a respected spiritual leader, Pastor Bradley was asked to speak on countless occasions and offered an invocation for the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bradley inspired those around him with his passionate praise, commitment to serving others, and strength in adversity and served as a mentor to those pursuing their callings in the ministry, including his wife, Maxine, and daughter, Rhonda; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Lynne Bradley was predeceased by his son, Lynne, Jr., and will be greatly missed by his wife, Maxine; children, Keith, Rhonda, and Krystle, and their families, including grandchildren, Keishauna, Kalleyah, and Keith, Jr.; his sister, Kay, and her family; many other family members and friends; and the members of Shearin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a beloved pastor, dedicated family man, and admired educator, the Reverend Lynne J. Bradley; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lynne J. Bradley as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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