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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 98

Offered January 15, 2014

*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Carl Terrie Tinsley, Sr.*

Patrons—Edwards and Smith

WHEREAS, the Reverend Carl Terrie Tinsley, Sr., a wise community leader who worked to better the Roanoke community for over 50 years, and a dear friend to many, died on August 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Franklin County, Carl Tinsley attended schools in Franklin County and Winding Gulf, West Virginia, then went on to honorably serve his country in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1954; and

WHEREAS, already possessed of a keen mind, Carl Tinsley would further his education at Cornet Business School, Virginia Western Community College, and Shenandoah Bible College; and

WHEREAS, Carl Tinsley was a devoted employee of Norfolk and Western Railway, now known as Norfolk Southern Corporation, for almost 40 years; and

WHEREAS, answering the call to the ministry in 1971, Reverend Tinsley spread joy and fellowship as a pastor in Catawba, Indian Rock, Natural Bridge, Cloverdale, and Buena Vista until his retirement in 2013; and

WHEREAS, known for his calm and caring demeanor, Reverend Taylor reached out to people in all walks of life; he was a strong advocate for civil rights, striving to achieve fairness and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in the community, Carl Tinsley was an active member of many civic and social organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and served the public as a member of the Roanoke City Electoral Board; and

WHEREAS, Carl Tinsley received many awards and accolades for his work in the community and leadership on civil rights issues; in 2012, the Roanoke City Council honored him as the Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Carl Tinsley lived his faith through his actions, always working to support the community and do what was right; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, Michael, Carl Tinsley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Yuvonne; son, Carl, Jr., and his family; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Carl Terrie Tinsley, Sr., a wise spiritual counselor, a dedicated community leader, and a true gentleman; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend Carl Terrie Tinsley, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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