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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5015

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Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dick Woodward.

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Dick Woodward, a devoted pastor, teacher, and mentor who touched countless lives in the Tidewater area, died on March 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Dick Woodward graduated from Biola University in California and attended seminary school in Texas; desirous to be of service to those in need, he began his career as a social worker; and

WHEREAS, Dick Woodward came to Norfolk in 1955 and answered his calling to serve the community at the Tabernacle Church, where he met his wife, Ginny Johnson; together they founded the Virginia Beach Community Chapel; and

WHEREAS, after providing his wise leadership to the Virginia Beach Community Chapel for more than 25 years, Pastor Woodward moved to Williamsburg in 1979 to pastor Williamsburg Community Chapel; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woodward was instrumental in the creation of the Mini Bible College (MBC), a survey of the entire Bible comprising Old and New Testament handbooks and lectures; the MBC is broadcast via radio in 22 languages, reaching individuals worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Pastor Woodward stepped down from active ministry and was named pastor emeritus; a paragon of faith and community spirit, he continued to guide and mentor members of the congregation and local residents on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, a loving family man, Pastor Woodward will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Ginny; children, Shere, Cindy, Dean, Virginia, and Dwight, and their families; and numerous 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 Dick Woodward, a pastor in the Tidewater area who supported and uplifted countless members of the community; 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 Dick Woodward as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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