

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5015

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dick Woodward.

Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014

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 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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