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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 504

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Commending Bradford Rundlett.

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WHEREAS, Bradford Rundlett, a compassionate spiritual leader whose guiding influence can be felt throughout the Herndon community and the Commonwealth, retired as rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon in August 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bradford "Brad" Rundlett began his career in ministry with the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Spartansburg, South Carolina, where he cultivated his reputation as a unifying leader and a humble servant to the community; he then served at St. James' Episcopal Church in Potomac, Maryland, and St. Andrew the Fisherman Episcopal Church in Mayo, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, after arriving at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in 1994, Brad Rundlett led efforts to renovate the church and revitalize the congregation; 20 years later, the church has expanded significantly and the congregation has been deeply strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Brad Rundlett lives his faith through his actions, and he has developed a comprehensive mission program at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church; he has supported the Hispanic community in Herndon and founded a youth ministry that serves children in multiple congregations; and

WHEREAS, Brad Rundlett has worked as a missionary in Appalachia, South Dakota, and Haiti, and under his leadership, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church regularly conducts mission trips to Dungannon in Scott County, Chapoteau in Haiti, and Pine Ridge in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, admired as a devoted mentor and a role model for those seeking a life in ministry, Brad Rundlett served as a field site supervisor and a colloquy mentor for Virginia Theological Seminary, and he has guided many young assistant rectors and seminarians, including those who have gone on to become ministers in other denominations; and

WHEREAS, believing firmly in the power of a strong, united community, Brad Rundlett hosts a monthly lunch with spiritual leaders from other denominations, and his efforts have fostered valuable interfaith dialogue among churches in the Herndon area; he has also studied Jewish history in Israel and Celtic spirituality in Ireland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bradford Rundlett hereby be commended for his service to the Herndon community on the occasion of his retirement as rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bradford Rundlett as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his valuable contributions to his congregation and the residents of the Commonwealth.

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