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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1015

Offered February 17, 2017

Commending Everett A. Hicks, Sr.

Patrons—Price, Mullin and Yancey; Senators: Locke and Mason

WHEREAS, Everett A. Hicks, Sr., retired from the Newport News School Board in 2016, after 16 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Everett "Teddy" A. Hicks, Sr., was first elected to the Newport News School Board in 2000, and in 2016 he chose not to seek reelection to his South District seat; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Hicks is a career educator and lifelong resident of Newport News who has been a strong role model in the city's Southeast Community; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Hicks graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Newport News, and continued his education at Norfolk State University and Hampton University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees, respectively; and

WHEREAS, before being elected to the Newport News School Board, Teddy Hicks spent 32 years as a teacher, coach, and assistant principal in Newport News Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Hicks witnessed great progress within the schools during his 16 years of service on the Newport News School Board, including improvements in the dropout and graduation rates, and improvement in standardized test scores; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Hicks served as chairman of the Newport News School Board from 2008 - 2010 and vice chairman from 2006 - 2008, and throughout his tenure on the school board he was a voice of experience and fount of institutional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, during Teddy Hicks' tenure as school board chairman during the 2009 - 2010 school year all 40 Newport News public schools earned full accreditation by the Virginia Department of Education for the first time; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Hicks is a member of the Superintendent's Roundtable, a lifetime member of the Newport News NAACP, and a former board member of the C. Waldo Scott Center for Hope and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Hicks is chairman of the Deacon Board at Ivy Baptist Church in Newport News, as well as a member of the Trustee Board and the Cancer Ministry; and

WHEREAS, for 41 years, Teddy Hicks was the loving husband of the late Lucille Hicks, an educator, Deaconess at Ivy Baptist Church, and an active member of Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Hicks is the proud father of one son, Everett A. Hicks, Jr., and he has four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Everett A. Hicks, Sr., on his retirement from the Newport News School Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Everett A. Hicks, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment and dedication to the students of Newport News and his distinguished career in education that spanned four decades.

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