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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Offered March 3, 2020

Commending the Reverend Terry Davis Edwards.

Patrons—Price, Askew, Lindsey, Mullin, Simonds and Ward

WHEREAS, the Reverend Terry Davis Edwards, a former teacher and an admired spiritual leader in Newport News, retired as rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Terry Edwards is a graduate of North Carolina Central University and Regent University; she pursued a fulfilling career as an educator in Norfolk Public Schools for nearly 40 years before answering the call to ministry; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Terry Edwards was ordained into the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia in December 2012 and joined St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in April 2013; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Terry Edwards established Eucharistic teams to visit sick and homebound members of the community, a contemplative Blue Sunday service in December, an annual Fall Festival, and the monthly family worship program, which offers local families opportunities to take a more active role in worship services; and

WHEREAS, under Terry Edwards' leadership, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church commemorated its 120th anniversary of service to the community in 2017 and participated in Child Abuse Prevention Month in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Terry Edwards has given invocations at Newport News City Council meetings and offered a blessing over a swearing-in ceremony at the Virginia State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Terry Edwards led the congregation of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church with unparalleled devotion and care for the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Reverend Terry Davis Edwards hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement as rector of St. Augustine'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 the Reverend Terry Davis Edwards as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her legacy of spiritual leadership and contributions to the Newport News community.

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