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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 201

Offered February 7, 2022

*Commending the Reverend Anthony Curtis Paige.*

Patrons—Williams Graves, Adams, D.M., Bourne, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, Maldonado, Rasoul, Reid, Scott, D.L. and Simonds

WHEREAS, the Reverend Anthony Curtis Paige, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church Lambert's Point in Norfolk, celebrated his 30th anniversary as pastor of the church in 2021; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, Reverend Paige earned bachelor's degrees in sociology and psychology from Stillman College and a Master of Divinity Degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Paige formerly served as Pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in West Point before he joined First Baptist Church Lambert's Point in 1991, where he has worked tirelessly ever since to develop the church's ministries and foster new opportunities for community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the congregation at First Baptist Church Lambert's Point has benefited greatly from Reverend Paige's sagacious spiritual leadership and capable management of the church's affairs over the years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Paige has strengthened faith and fellowship in the community through his efforts as a member of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and his role in the ordination and licensure of several new ministers; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Paige has generously shared his time, talents, and treasure with various community organizations, including the former Virginia State Board of Corrections, the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors, and the Norfolk City Planning Commission, supporting initiatives in Norfolk such as the establishment of the Village Pointe Apartments senior living community and the preservation of the Lambert's Point neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his more than 40 years of exceptional service, Reverend Paige was presented with a Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award by Governor Ralph S. Northam in 2020; and

WHEREAS, by providing compassionate and inspired guidance to his congregation and the community at large, Reverend Paige has played an integral role in making Norfolk a wonderful place to grow and thrive for decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Reverend Anthony Curtis Paige on the occasion of his 30th anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church Lambert's Point; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Anthony Curtis Paige as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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