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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 249

Offered February 21, 2022

Celebrating the life of the Reverend E. Walter Anderson, Jr.

Patrons—McQuinn and Bagby

WHEREAS, the Reverend E. Walter Anderson, Jr., longtime pastor of Parrish Hill Baptist Church in Charles City and a beloved member of the Richmond community, died on October 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Walter Anderson's educational pursuits led to a bachelor's degree in religious education and a master's degree in theology from the former Fredericksburg Bible Institute and a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from Luther Rice College and Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Walter Anderson received his credentials for the gospel ministry under the leadership of the Reverend J.B. Gordon of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Richmond before being called to serve as pastor of Parrish Hill Baptist Church in December 1966; and

WHEREAS, Walter Anderson greatly supported the spiritual growth of the congregation at Parrish Hill Baptist Church, while contributing to the church's longevity through the careful oversight of structural improvements and the training of future ministers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tenure at Parrish Hill Baptist Church, Walter Anderson served for a time as pastor at Mt. Oni Baptist Church in Caroline County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his years of exceptional spiritual leadership and service, Walter Anderson was presented an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Richmond Virginia Seminary and an honorary doctorate of humanities from Infinity Bible Seminary in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Walter Anderson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Lois, and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend E. Walter Anderson, Jr., cherished former pastor of Parrish Hill Baptist Church whose wise and compassionate counsel guided countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend E. Walter Anderson, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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