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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

Offered March 7, 2022

*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dr. Coolidge Elmo Rhodes, Sr.*

Patron—Fariss

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Coolidge Elmo Rhodes, Sr., a pastor, civic leader, and beloved member of the Evington community, died on May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lynchburg, Coolidge Rhodes was one of six children born to Robert and Gladys Rhodes; he attended Campbell County High School until 1963, when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Coolidge Rhodes rose to the rank of sergeant and earned a Purple Heart during his tour in Vietnam; he obtained a GED degree while in the military, then continued his education at Central Virginia Community College; and

WHEREAS, Coolidge Rhodes pursued a career with the United States Postal Service and retired in 2007 after 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Coolidge Rhodes was an active member of Mount Evergreen Baptist Church in Evington, where he served as a Sunday school teacher and deacon; he was ordained as a minister there in 1983 and went on to serve as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Altavista and Mount Plain Baptist Church in Evington; and

WHEREAS, Coolidge Rhodes served as chair of the New London Academy Board of Managers and offered his leadership to American Legion Post 16 in Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, Coolidge Rhodes will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 45 years, Janice; his children, Coolidge, Jr., Christopher Dewayne, Brittany, and Colby, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Dr. Coolidge Elmo Rhodes, Sr., a spiritual leader and pillar of the Evington community; 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 Dr. Coolidge Elmo Rhodes, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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