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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 400 Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Reginald T. Daye.

Patrons—Mason and Locke; Delegates: Mullin, Price and Simonds

WHEREAS, Reginald T. Daye, who dedicated his time, talents, and energy to the Office of Human Rights within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, providing a vital catalyst to the Commonwealth's efforts to build a system of assured rights and protection for individuals with behavioral health and developmental disabilities, retired after nearly 40 years of service; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Reginald Daye represented the interests of individuals with behavioral health and developmental disabilities to ensure their human dignity and freedom from harm; and

WHEREAS, countless individuals have benefited from the steadfast leadership, professionalism, and commitment of Reginald Daye during his service to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Daye has helped to ensure a safe environment for others through his diligent utilization of the Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded, or Operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Daye supported the development of meaningful system structures, such as local human rights committees, to preserve and promote the dignity of individuals receiving services from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Daye has exemplified the best virtues of public service through his work both with colleagues at all levels of his agency and with a wide range of stakeholders, approaching every interaction with honesty and integrity and in a forthright manner; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Daye's decades of service as an advocate and regional advocate manager and his many other actions supporting individuals with behavioral health and developmental disabilities serve as an inspiration to all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, all Virginians have benefited from Reginald Daye's dedication, personal commitment, and conscientious influence to defend the self-determination, empowerment, and recovery of individuals and to ultimately improve public behavioral health and developmental services statewide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Reginald T. Daye for his leadership and service with the Office of Human Rights within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Reginald T. Daye as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and appreciation for his contributions to the Commonwealth.