

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 713

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3 *Commending Eddie L. Radden, Jr.*

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5 Patrons—McQuinn, Carr, Clark, Fowler, Mundon King, Watts and Wright

6 WHEREAS, Eddie L. Radden, Jr., a distinguished community activist and civil servant who has nobly
7 served the Commonwealth for more than two decades as a doorkeeper for the House of Delegates, retires in
8 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, Eddie Radden grew up in the Blackwell neighborhood of Richmond during the times of
10 segregation and is a graduate of the city's historic Maggie Walker High School; and

11 WHEREAS, a longtime civil rights activist and lifetime member of the NAACP, Eddie Radden met with
12 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during one of his visits to Richmond and participated in the March on
13 Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963; and

14 WHEREAS, Eddie Radden spearheaded the establishment of the Parent Teacher Association at J.H.
15 Blackwell Elementary School in Richmond and served as its president for two years, contributing to the
16 success of many young people both in and out of the classroom; and

17 WHEREAS, in recent years, Eddie Radden played a pivotal role in securing improvements for the
18 historically black Mount Olivet Cemetery in Richmond, helping to respect and preserve the legacy of the
19 individuals who are interred there; and

20 WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Eddie Radden has provided spiritual counseling to an
21 untold number of young people as a Sunday school superintendent; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition of his tireless advocacy and service with the NAACP Crusade for Voters,
23 Eddie Radden was presented the NAACP President's Award by the Richmond Branch of the NAACP in
24 2015; and

25 WHEREAS, Eddie Radden joined the House of Delegates as a doorkeeper in 2001 and quickly earned the
26 admiration and respect of his colleagues and the members for whom he served; and

27 WHEREAS, for the past two decades, Eddie Radden has upheld the honor and decorum of the institution
28 for which he serves with extraordinary care and professionalism; and

29 WHEREAS, Eddie Radden's positive and personable nature regularly provided an uplifting moment in
30 many people's days and will be cherished by members and staff of the House of Delegates for years to come;
31 now, therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Eddie L. Radden, Jr., doorkeeper of the House of
33 Delegates, hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

34 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
35 presentation to Eddie L. Radden, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' appreciation for his service
36 and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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