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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 210

Offered March 2, 2026

Commending the Reverend Joe N. Chambers.

Patron—Garrett

WHEREAS, the Reverend Joe N. Chambers is a distinguished faith leader and public servant whose 36 years on the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors makes him the longest currently serving county supervisor in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Joe Chambers graduated from the former Carter G. Woodson High School in Buckingham County and later studied at the Virginia Theological Seminary and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Joe Chambers served his country with honor and distinction from 1966 to 1968 as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and received several prestigious decorations and awards for his service, including the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Joe Chambers is currently the chair on the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, where he has dutifully served his constituents since 1990, including seven years as chair and 11 years as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, Joe Chambers has made an impact in the community by serving on the board of the Buckingham County Department of Social Services and as the former owner and chief executive officer of Joe N. Chambers, Jr. Logging and Trucking Company; and

WHEREAS, after answering the call to the ministry in 1980, Joe Chambers provided enlightened and uplifting spiritual guidance to the congregation at Ridgeway Baptist Church in Dillwyn from 1980 to 1995, while also starting to serve as pastor at Covesville Baptist Church beginning in 1983, where he has led the congregation for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Chambers has advanced Covesville Baptist Church's mission during his tenure as pastor by ordaining 11 ministers, including his wife, the Rev. Katie Chambers, and by significantly increasing the church's membership; and

WHEREAS, with great integrity, compassion, and vision, Joe Chambers has been an exemplary model of faith leadership and community service and has made a profound and lasting impact on countless lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Reverend Joe N. Chambers hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a pastor and community leader; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Joe N. Chambers as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to Buckingham County and the Commonwealth.

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