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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2046

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Commending the Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Bell, Jr.

Patron—Cole, J.G.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Bell, Jr., a resident of Fredericksburg, has served as senior pastor of Mount Hope Baptist Church in Fredericksburg for 40 years, providing spiritual leadership and guidance to the congregation and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Raymond Bell has overseen significant growth in the church's membership and ministries and has led long-term planning efforts to expand the church's facilities and outreach; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Raymond Bell, Mount Hope Baptist Church has served as a center for community engagement in the Fredericksburg region, partnering with organizations to address issues including housing, homelessness, health care, hunger, and education; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bell has supported education and public service through roles as an adjunct professor at Germanna Community College, a chaplain for local public safety agencies, a member of the Spotsylvania Education Foundation, and a mentor to students in the region; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bell has contributed to leadership development through his work as founder and president of Mosaic Expressions, L.L.C., providing coaching and training to individuals across multiple professional fields; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bell has supported the growth and development of Fredericksburg as a member of the board of directors of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, through four decades of ministry, Raymond Bell, Jr., has demonstrated a commitment to faith, service, and leadership in Fredericksburg and the surrounding community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Bell, Jr., hereby be commended on his 40 years of service as senior pastor of Mount Hope Baptist Church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Bell, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his service to the Fredericksburg community and the Commonwealth.

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