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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 432

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending Tower of Deliverance Church.

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Patrons—Cole, Fowler, Futrell, Howell, W.J. and Orrock; Senators: Reeves and Stuart

WHEREAS, in 2013, Tower of Deliverance Church in Fredericksburg celebrated its 30th year of offering a ministry that empowers, develops, and inspires people to maximize their potential and demonstrate Christian values; and

WHEREAS, the pastors of Tower of Deliverance Church are Bishop Joseph Daniel Henderson and Dr. Doris Henderson; the couple have been active in church ministry for many years and Joseph Henderson has spent his entire life working with people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Henderson has focused on making Tower of Deliverance Church a holistic, multicultural ministry of excellence; the church is located in historic downtown Fredericksburg and offers a number of worship services and fellowship opportunities that are open to all people; and

WHEREAS, Doris Henderson established the Women of Distinction Ministry at Tower of Deliverance Church, whose goal is to instruct, inspire, and educate women; she also is active in summer programs for young people and is a mentor for young mothers; and

WHEREAS, a primary outreach effort of Tower of Deliverance Church was the creation of the Bragg Hill Family Life Center in 1997 to help low-income families; the goal of the center is to be a "Permanent Positive Presence" in the community; and

WHEREAS, under the stewardship of its two pastors, Tower of Deliverance Church has made a tremendous impact on the Fredericksburg area over the past 30 years; the house of worship continues to strive for excellence, diversity, integrity, and relevance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tower of Deliverance Church in Fredericksburg on the occasion of its 30th anniversary and for offering a ministry that empowers, develops, and inspires people to maximize their potential and demonstrate Christian values; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bishop Joseph Daniel Henderson and Dr. Doris Henderson, pastors of Tower of Deliverance Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its many years of faithful service to the people of Fredericksburg and the Commonwealth.