

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 517

Commending the Reverend Kelvin F. Jones.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the Reverend Kelvin F. Jones, an inspiring spiritual leader on the Eastern Shore, has served and uplifted local residents for 25 years as the pastor of First Baptist Church-Capeville; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Eastern Shore, Pastor Jones answered his calling to the ministry in 1986 when he was licensed to preach at Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown; in 1989, he relocated to Cape Charles and was ordained as pastor of First Baptist Church-Capeville; and

WHEREAS, during his 25-year tenure at First Baptist Church-Capeville, Pastor Jones implemented strategies to strengthen the existing congregation and welcome new members; he also worked to support senior members of the community and developed a Youth Ministry to engage local young people; and

WHEREAS, offering his wisdom and expertise to several organizations, Pastor Jones serves on the Board of Evangelism Ministry and as chair of the Commission for Persons with Special Needs and Disabilities of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and on the Eastern Shore Allocation Committee for the United Way of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, an admired figure in the wider Baptist community, Pastor Jones has shared his leadership and guidance with congregations throughout the Commonwealth, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jones has earned numerous awards and accolades for his good work; he served as a facilitator for the National Student Leadership Conference on Race and Culture at The College of William and Mary and was invited to offer opening prayer to the House of Delegates in 2010 and the Senate of Virginia in 2011 and 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Reverend Kelvin F. Jones hereby be commended for 25 years of service to the First Baptist Church-Capeville congregation and the Eastern Shore community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Kelvin F. Jones as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his legacy of spiritual guidance and care for the community.

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