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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 352

Offered February 2, 2017

Commending the Reverend Nigel W. D. Mumford.

Patron—Miyares

WHEREAS, the Reverend Nigel W. D. Mumford of Virginia Beach, an international author, speaker, and spiritual leader, has touched countless lives in Virginia and throughout the world as the founder of By His Wounds, Inc., and the Welcome Home Initiative; and

WHEREAS, a native of England, Nigel Mumford served with the Corps of the Royal Marines for more than six years, including two years as a drill instructor, then relocated to the United States in 1980; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Nigel Mumford witnessed the power of prayer when his sister recovered from a severe neurological condition; he was inspired to dedicate his life to healing and founded healing ministry centers in Connecticut and New York; and

WHEREAS, having experienced firsthand the horrors of combat and post-traumatic stress disorder, Nigel Mumford and a group of fellow veterans founded the Welcome Home Initiative in 2008 to provide targeted ministry and support to service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, through the Welcome Home Initiative, Nigel Mumford helped hundreds of veterans and their families by hosting more than 20 retreats at no cost to the participants, and he worked directly with members of the United States Army and the British Army to better support the men and women who have served and sacrificed for their countries; and

WHEREAS, Nigel Mumford relocated to Virginia Beach partially to focus on ministering to the large number of combat veterans and their families in the Hampton Roads area, and he has been an invaluable resource in helping so many heal from the visible and invisible scars of war; and

WHEREAS, in October 2009, when Nigel Mumford was hospitalized with the H1N1 swine flu virus and related complications, he was himself the object of a massive, worldwide prayer effort that led to his recovery; and

WHEREAS, Nigel Mumford serves the local community as a priest associate and the director of the Healing Prayer Ministry at Galilee Church in Virginia Beach, where he lives with his wife, Lynn; among many awards and accolades for his good work, he has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Reverend Nigel W. D. Mumford hereby be commended for his work to provide mental, emotional, and spiritual healing to veterans and people throughout the world as the founder of By His Wounds, Inc., and the Welcome Home Initiative; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Nigel W. D. Mumford as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his devotion to serving, supporting, and healing those in need.

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