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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 556**

Offered August 21, 2020

Celebrating the life of Bishop Lawrence Levi Taylor.

Patrons—Cole, J.G., Adams, D.M., Ayala, Bagby, Carr, Cole, M.L., Davis, Guzman, Hayes, Helmer, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, Lindsey, McQuinn, Rasoul, Samirah, Simonds, Tyler, Ware and Watts

WHEREAS, Bishop Lawrence Levi Taylor, founder and senior pastor of Fountain of Deliverance Outreach Ministries in Richmond, died on July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Taylor answered the call to ministry at the age of 12 as a member of Second Antioch Baptist Church in Powhatan County and later served at Decatur Street Church of God of Prophecy and Jerusalem Holy Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Taylor was educated at Armstrong High School in Richmond and participated in a GED program in Henrico County; he attended Faith Landmarks Bible Institute and graduated from the Leadership Training Institute at the Virginia Union University School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Lawrence Taylor was assigned to pastor Fountain Holy Church of the Mount Sinai Holy Church of America, which subsequently became known as Fountain of Deliverance Outreach Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Taylor served as chaplain of the board of the Jackson Ward Clergy Association and as second vice president of the Board of Bishops of Mount Sinai Holy Church of America; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Taylor will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Stephanie; his children, LaTavia, Kendra, Lawrence, Stephen, and Kenneth, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Bishop Lawrence Levi Taylor, a respected spiritual leader in Richmond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Bishop Lawrence Levi Taylor as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.