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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 614

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Commending New Jerusalem Ministries International.

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WHEREAS, New Jerusalem Ministries International, a faith organization in Virginia Beach, celebrated its 10th anniversary on September 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, inspired by John the Apostle's vision of the New Jerusalem in Chapter 21 of the Book of Revelation, Dr. Veronica R. Coleman set out to establish a church in the Green Run community of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, New Jerusalem Ministries International was founded on September 11, 2010, at the Kempsville branch of the Virginia Beach Public Library, when 12 guests heard and accepted Dr. Coleman's vision; and

WHEREAS, in November 2010, New Jerusalem Ministries International found a place of worship at the Temple of Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach and held its first worship service the following month; and

WHEREAS, nearly 300 people gathered in worship during the official launch service for New Jerusalem Ministries International on January 9, 2011; today, the congregation counts more than 250 members across nine ministries; and

WHEREAS, New Jerusalem Ministries International has been active in the community through its support of various groups and organizations, including Ronald McDonald House Charities, Norfolk Boys and Girls Club, Seton Youth Shelters, the Green Run High School boys' basketball team, members of the Twin Canals community, and Green Run Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, each year, New Jerusalem Ministries International supports families preparing to return to school by providing prayer, school supplies, and fellowship to the students in the Green Run neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, through its inspirational services and compassionate programs, New Jerusalem Ministries International has had a profound and positive impact upon the lives of numerous citizens of Virginia Beach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That New Jerusalem Ministries International, a faith organization in Virginia Beach, hereby be commended on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Veronica R. Coleman, pastor of New Jerusalem Ministries International, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her church's meritorious contributions to Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth.

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