

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 534

Celebrating the life of Bishop Gerald O. Glenn.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 9, 2020

WHEREAS, Bishop Gerald O. Glenn, the founding pastor of New Deliverance Evangelistic Church and a beloved member of the North Chesterfield community, died on April 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Glenn served the nation for more than a decade as a member of the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps and safeguarded the Portsmouth community as a law-enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Gerald Glenn began working as an investigator for the Texas Board of Medical Examiners, then subsequently became chief of the Investigations Division of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, director of the Division of Program Compliance at the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, and director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Glenn answered the call to ministry and became pastor of First Union Baptist Church in Richmond in 1988; under his wise and charismatic leadership, the church grew from 75 congregants to more than 700; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Gerald Glenn and his family founded New Deliverance Evangelistic Church; he later established the New Deliverance Foundation and the New Deliverance Christian Academy to provide quality, affordable preschool and kindergarten through fifth-grade schooling to young people in the community; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Glenn was consecrated as a bishop in 2000, when he also established the New Deliverance Fellowship Conference of Churches, a nondenominational organization that served the needs of small and independent or aligned Christian ministries throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the faith community in the Richmond region, Gerald Glenn inspired the members of his congregation with his passionate sermons and touched countless lives through his commitment to philanthropy and servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Glenn was affiliated with a wide range of community organizations, served as a chaplain with the Chesterfield County Police Department, and offered his wisdom and expertise to a statewide task force on preventing crime in minority neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Glenn produced Deliverance in Focus, a religious radio and television program that inspired a wide audience throughout Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Glenn will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 40 years, Marcietia; his children, Quincy, Gerald, Jr., Mar-Gerie, Kathryn, Amanda, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Bishop Gerald O. Glenn, a highly admired spiritual leader who made numerous contributions to the North Chesterfield community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Bishop Gerald O. Glenn as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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