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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 726

Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Bobby Eugene Holmes.

Patrons—McQuinn, Adams, D.M., Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Rasoul, Reid, Scott, Simonds and Torian

WHEREAS, the Reverend Bobby Eugene Holmes, esteemed spiritual mentor and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Armstrong High School in Richmond, Bobby Holmes served his country with courage and valor as a member of the 18th Airborne Corps of the United States Army, attaining the rank of sergeant while serving 13 months in Korea and six months at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Holmes worked tirelessly as an employee with DuPont for 34 years, serving in various capacities essential to the company's operations, including as a machine operator and manager, and as spokesperson on several safety committees; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Bobby Holmes enjoyed worship and fellowship with several congregations over the years, including Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Richmond, where he was ordained into the deacons ministry; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Holmes's aspirations to provide spiritual counsel to others continued to grow, and he was licensed to preach at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in 1993 and ordained four years later; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Holmes extended his spiritual wisdom and guidance to the community of First Bethel Baptist Church in Richmond, where he served as the outreach minister, and Fairfield Baptist Church in Richmond, where he was installed as pastor; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his son, George, Bobby Holmes will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Carolyn; his children, Delcenia and Yolanda, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Bobby Eugene Holmes, a spiritual leader of the Richmond community whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 the Reverend Bobby Eugene Holmes as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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