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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 571

Offered February 23, 2021

Commending the Reverend Dr. Alfred Jones, Jr.

Patrons—Mundon King, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Cole, J.G., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Hayes, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Kory, Levine, McQuinn, Reid and Simonds

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Alfred Jones, Jr., pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Triangle, has graciously provided spiritual guidance to members of his community for many years; and

WHEREAS, born into a family with a strong religious background, Alfred Jones pursued a leadership role in the church from a young age; toward this end, he attended the Washington Bible College, Washington Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Virginia Union University School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Jones has enjoyed an illustrious career as a pastor, serving at Ephesus Baptist Church of West Point, Third Mount Zion Baptist Church of Woodford, and Mount Zion Baptist Church of Triangle over a career spanning more than a half-century; and

WHEREAS, during Alfred Jones's tenure with Mount Zion Baptist Church, the congregation has grown significantly and five of the church's fundamental ministries have seen marked development; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Jones has been highly involved with numerous faith organizations, including the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, and the Hampton University Ministers' Conference; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Jones's efforts as a spiritual mentor have included roles as co-president of the Eastern Prince William Ministerial Association, as a chaplain of Sentara hospital in Woodbridge and the Prince William County Police Department, and as second vice moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his accomplishments as a pastor and civic leader, Alfred Jones was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the Triangle Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, through sagacious leadership and an unwavering dedication to his community, Alfred Jones has helped edify and uplift countless citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Reverend Dr. Alfred Jones, Jr., hereby be commended for his legacy of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Dr. Alfred Jones, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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