

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 576

Offered February 23, 2021

Commending Bishop Lyle Dukes and Pastor Deborah Dukes.

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

WHEREAS, Bishop Lyle Dukes and Pastor Deborah Dukes, highly admired faith leaders in Woodbridge, have served the community for more than 25 years as the founders and pastors of Harvest Life Church; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Dukes is the daughter of Bishop Carver Poindexter and Pastor Lorene Poindexter who lead the Love of Christ Church in Alexandria and holds a bachelor's degree in Christian education; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Dukes is a graduate of the University of Virginia, who earned a master of divinity degree and conducted studies in business administration; he has served his country as an officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, both prolific writers, Lyle Dukes has authored and published more than 20 books and Deborah Dukes has written, produced, and directed four stage plays: "Church Wives," "The #1 Player," "The Sinner's Choir," and "The Wishing Well"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to founding Harvest Life Church in 1995, Lyle Dukes is the presiding bishop of Churches United, a global ministry that includes approximately 500 churches in the United States and abroad, while Deborah Dukes serves as executive director of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Lyle and Deborah Dukes inspired their daughter, Brittany, to become a minister, and she and her husband, Brandon, serve alongside her parents in their many benevolent endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bishop Lyle Dukes and Pastor Deborah Dukes hereby be commended for their legacy of contributions to the Woodbridge community and people around the world; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bishop Lyle Dukes and Pastor Deborah Dukes as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their service and spiritual leadership.

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