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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 577**

Offered February 23, 2021

Commending Bishop Dr. Leonard B. Lacey.

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30 31 Patrons—Mundon King, Adams, D.M., Ayala, Cole, J.G., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Hayes, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Kory, McQuinn, Reid and Simonds

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Leonard B. Lacey, senior pastor of United Faith Christian Ministry in Stafford County, has graciously provided spiritual guidance to members of his community for many years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alabama, Leonard Lacey settled in the Commonwealth in 1971 and enjoyed an illustrious 33-year career with the Virginia State Police; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Lacey enrolled at the Fredericksburg Bible Institute in 1988 and ultimately received a degree in religious studies; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Lacey's other educational pursuits included a bachelor's degree from the University of Mary Washington, a post-baccalaureate certificate in criminal justice administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a master's degree in preaching from Richmond Virginia Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Lacey has given generously of his time, talents, and resources to helping others, and to further these ambitions, he became the founding pastor of United Faith Christian Ministry in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Lacey's spiritual mentorship includes roles as a chaplain with the United States Department of Justice, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Stafford County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished author who has published several books and newspaper articles, Leonard Lacey produces a weekly radio announcement entitled "Link2Life"; and

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

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bishop Dr. Leonard B. Lacey 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 Bishop Dr. Leonard B. Lacey as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.