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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 708

Offered August 2, 2021 Prefiled August 1, 2021

Commending Bishop Mary E. Adams.

Patrons-Cole, J.G. and Cole, M.L.

7 WHEREAS, Bishop Mary E. Adams, senior pastor of Mt. Zion Cathedral in the City of Fredericksburg, has carried out important work for her congregation and her community; and 8

WHEREAS, Mary Adams holds several degrees in Christian counseling and education and has 9 10 cultivated a diverse ministerial background, giving her great flexibility to achieve success within a broad range of assignments; and 11

WHEREAS, Mary Adams is committed to preaching and defending the gospel of Jesus Christ 12 13 through teaching, encouraging, and mentoring others to help them maximize their potential; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2007, Mary Adams was consecrated as the first woman bishop in the City of 15 Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her service as senior pastor of Mt. Zion Cathedral, Mary Adams holds the 16 role of Overseer of Women at the Holy Communion of Churches; and 17

WHEREAS, Mary Adams is the author of 10 books, including Beneath the Surface, Pursuing the 18

19 Upward Call, The Best Days are Ahead, For Such a Time as This, Sounds of Destiny, On the Way

20 There, For the Applause of Heaven, Living on Purpose, Beneath the Surface II, and Pressing Forward: 21 *Expecting Greater Against all Odds*; and

WHEREAS, Mary Adams has touched the lives of countless people in need throughout the 22 23 Fredericksburg region; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bishop Mary E. Adams hereby be commended for her 25 service to the people of the City of Fredericksburg and her role as a spiritual center in the lives of so 26 many people: and, be it

27 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution 28 for presentation to Bishop Mary E. Adams as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for 29 her service as a faith and community leader.

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