

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 736

Offered August 4, 2021

*Celebrating the life of Luther Archer, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, Luther Archer, Sr., esteemed pastor of Shepherd's Heart Christian Fellowship Ministry in Richmond and a beloved member of the Petersburg community, died on June 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong learner, Luther Archer amassed several degrees and educational certificates over the years, including a master's degree in Christian counseling and psychology from Carolina University of Theology and a master's degree in theology from Oral Roberts University, where he was also pursuing a doctorate of theology; and

WHEREAS, Luther Archer invested himself into international ministries and mission work in countries such as Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Romania, and India, sharing his spiritual wisdom with hundreds of individuals around the globe; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by many as "Pastor Luther," Luther Archer led various congregations throughout his lifetime, including at the House of Prayer, now Hope Point Church, in Chesterfield and at the Refuge Temple Assembly of Yahweh in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Luther Archer and his wife, Carolyn, founded Shepherd's Heart Christian Fellowship Ministry in 2007; as senior pastor, he provided the congregation with insightful spiritual guidance while developing various outreach initiatives for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, Luther Archer will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of nearly 33 years, Carolyn; his children, Luther, Jr., Rodney, D'Angelo, Rudolph, Zuriel, and Sherita, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Luther Archer, Sr., cherished pastor of Shepherd's Heart Christian Fellowship Ministry, whose boundless faith and magnanimous heart encouraged countless individuals along their spiritual journeys; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Luther Archer, Sr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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