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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 503

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Celebrating the life of the Reverend Carl Douglas Farmer.

Patrons—Freitas, Byron, Cherry, Scott, P.A. and Ware; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, the Reverend Carl Douglas Farmer, an accomplished spiritual leader and active and beloved member of the Madison community, died on September 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of what was then Pulaski High School, where he was an all-state quarterback, the Reverend Carl Douglas "Doug" Farmer received a football scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Doug Farmer subsequently studied at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and later in the School of Pastoral Care at what was then North Carolina Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, where he completed an internship in pastoral counseling and hospital chaplaincy; and

WHEREAS, Doug Farmer provided uplifting and sagacious spiritual guidance to various congregations in different capacities over the years and was a source of comfort and strength to many; and

WHEREAS, Doug Farmer formerly held pastorships at First Baptist Church of Erwin in Erwin, North Carolina; Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina; and Plymouth Haven Baptist Church in Alexandria, and was a frequent speaker at revival meetings throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Doug Farmer nurtured the growth and development of young people as a coach, including two years as head football coach and teacher at the former Hugh Morson High School in Raleigh, North Carolina, and the former South High School in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Doug Farmer had an outsized impact on the lives of young people and families in Madison County as a member of the Madison County School Board and as the founder and owner of Camp Shenandoah Springs, an independent, interdenominational Christian summer camp and retreat center visited by countless individuals and families since its founding in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Doug Farmer gave generously of his time and talents through his involvement with various boards and organizations, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, local and state denominational boards, and the Wilmington Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Doug Farmer will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Anne; his children, Mark, Beth, and Jeffrey, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Carl Douglas Farmer, a cherished member of the Madison community whose legacy of service will inspire many for years to come; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend Carl Douglas Farmer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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