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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

Offered January 24, 2014

Celebrating the life of Joseph Lee Bane, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Joseph Lee Bane, Sr., a devoted spiritual leader and beloved husband, father, and grandfather in Leesburg, died on October 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Culpeper, Joseph Bane was raised on a farm in Orange County; he later moved to Maryland, where he attended Brunswick High School and worked his way through Frederick Community College; and

WHEREAS, after earning an associate degree in 1962, Joseph Bane married Freida Benjamin and moved to College Park, Maryland, where he graduated from the University of Maryland in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bane worked for several large corporations, beginning as a salesman for Procter & Gamble and eventually becoming a district sales manager for Standard Life Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, after his young son, James, miraculously recovered from leukemia, Joseph Bane dedicated his life to the service of the Lord; he worked construction jobs during the day to support his family and served as a witness for the Lord in the evening; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bane founded the Francis Scott Key Bible Church in Frederick, Maryland, and spread the good news as a pastor for over 15 years; he uplifted thousands of people in the community and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Joseph Bane returned to the Commonwealth and worked as a stone mason, farmer, and custom home builder; he continued to live his faith through his actions, working hard so that he could care for others through charitable works and missions; and

WHEREAS, a proud, patriotic Virginian and American, Joseph Bane was passionate about his beliefs and always stood up for what was right; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bane enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Loudoun Baptist Temple in Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bane is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Freida; children, Joseph, James, and Elizabeth, 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 Joseph Lee Bane, Sr., a passionate spiritual leader and dedicated family man; and, be it

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

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