

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 180

Commending Bishop Kim W. Brown.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, February 8, 2018

WHEREAS, Bishop Kim W. Brown, pastor of Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, was named the 2017 First Citizen of Chesapeake for his spiritual leadership and commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, the First Citizen of Chesapeake award is presented annually by the Rotary Club of Chesapeake to recognize local leaders who have made exceptional contributions to the community and exemplify the organization's motto "Service Above Self"; and

WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University and master's and doctoral degrees from the Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University, Kim Brown joined Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church in 1990, at a time when the congregation was only about 75 people; and

WHEREAS, a visionary with a creative approach to ministry, Kim Brown helped the Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church community grow to more than 13,000 members, with branch churches in Newport News and Elizabeth City and Charlotte, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Kim Brown has built close relationships with his fellow clergy, local leaders, and members of the community; he has served on the Chesapeake Hospital Authority for more than a decade, including a term as chair in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Kim Brown has received numerous other awards and accolades, including recognition from the L.D. Britt, M.D., Scholarship Fund, Elizabeth City State University, and the Urban League of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, Kim Brown enjoys the love and support of his wife, Valerie, and their children, James and Kimberly; he and his wife founded K. W. Brown International Ministries, Inc., furthering their commitment to fruitful, life-changing ministry; and

WHEREAS, Kim Brown was presented with the prestigious First Citizen of Chesapeake award at a banquet on September 21, 2017, at the Chesapeake Conference Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bishop Kim W. Brown on being named as the 2017 First Citizen of Chesapeake; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bishop Kim W. Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his leadership to the residents of Chesapeake.

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