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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 190

Offered February 1, 2018

Commending T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion.

Patrons—Cole, Guzman and Webert

WHEREAS, in 1997, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion began to pastor True Deliverance Church of God Ministries with one member, and they have helped the congregation grow to more than 200 members and conducted generous outreach over the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion founded the Clara's Faith House Food Pantry, which has provided food for more than 35,000 members of the community, many of them children, since 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion constructed the Victory Transitional Housing Shelter, a one-year housing program that has served over 1,500 clients by providing shelter, counseling, transportation, and other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion created the nonprofit Community Touch, Inc., which opened Noah's Ark Outreach and Thrift Store in 2004; the store has provided furniture and clothing to more than 20,000 people; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion built a playground for homeless residences and coordinated and facilitated state-funded Rapid Rehousing & Homelessness Prevention programs from 2008 to 2016; they successfully provided intensive case management and financial mentoring for homeless families for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion renovated the True Deliverance Church of God with new pews, carpeting, and an advanced audio system, while helping build other churches and outreach ministries; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion expanded the Noah's Ark Thrift Store to Bealeton in 2009 and to Marshall in 2013, and they built a 1,500 square foot storage facility to store items for Community Touch; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion created women's and men's ministries for True Deliverance Church of God members, as well as other ministry groups; and

WHEREAS, serving members of the community both young and old, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion built a playground for a future daycare facility and began nursing home and hospital ministries; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion have provided boxed food for national and international mission trips; and

WHEREAS, T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion have facilitated grant writing and fundraising workshops for other churches and nonprofit organizations to further strengthen the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion for 20 years of service and spiritual leadership at True Deliverance Church of God Ministries; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to T. Tyronne and Felicia Champion as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their decades of contributions to the community.

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