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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

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Celebrating the life of Howard Mark Holmes.

Patron—Freitas

WHEREAS, Howard Mark Holmes, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, and a respected spiritual leader who touched the lives of numerous people as pastor of Providence Bible Church in Culpeper, died on February 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Howard "Howie" Mark Holmes became a Christian during his high school years and then attended Lancaster Bible College in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1985; while in college, he met and married his wife, Deborah; and

WHEREAS, after his graduation, Howie Holmes led Lancaster Bible College's Forerunner Camp Team ministry in the northeastern United States; he then became a teacher of Bible and advanced science courses at Fredericksburg Christian School; and

WHEREAS, Howie Holmes began his church career in the 1990s as a minister at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg; he later served as associate pastor of Stevensburg Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in February 2009, Howie Holmes became pastor of Providence Bible Church in Culpeper; during his nine-year tenure, he inspired his congregation with his insightful sermons and his dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for helping others, Howie Holmes led or participated in numerous mission trips during his lifetime traveling to Guam, Micronesia, Guatemala, Romania, Hungary, and Haiti; and

WHEREAS, during more than 25 years in Christian ministry, Howie Holmes built a remarkable career of service and won the admiration of his congregants and his community for his leadership, wisdom, and generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, Howie Holmes will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 34 years, Deborah; his children, Emily, Abigail, and Nathaniel, and their families; and numerous other family members, close friends, and Culpeper residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Howard Mark Holmes, a dedicated pastor who provided spiritual leadership to the Culpeper community; 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 Howard Mark Holmes as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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