

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 634

Celebrating the life of Gunnery Sergeant James Michael Scott, Sr., USMC, Ret.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, October 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Gunnery Sergeant James Michael Scott, Sr., USMC, Ret., a distinguished veteran and esteemed deacon who was a beloved member of the Stafford community, died on September 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, James Scott graduated from Ramapo High School in Spring Valley, New York, in 1977 and joined the United States Marine Corps shortly thereafter, serving his country for the next 23 years and achieving the rank of gunnery sergeant; and

WHEREAS, James Scott defended his country with great courage and valor during the conflict in Beirut and Operation Desert Storm; as a platoon sergeant and drill instructor at both the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina, and the Officer Candidates School in Quantico, and later as an instructor at the Marine Corps University, he fostered the growth and maturation of countless young soldiers and officers; and

WHEREAS, for his extraordinary service with the United States Marine Corps, James Scott received several honors and decorations over his career, including the Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Combat Action Ribbon, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, and Drill Instructor Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, following his military career, James Scott was called by his faith to serve as a spiritual guide to others and was ordained as a deacon at Bethel Church of God in Christ in Jacksonville, North Carolina, where he served for many years; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, James Scott enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Mount Zion Cathedral in Stafford, where he was ordained as an elder, held various leadership positions, and organized Spiritual Barbershop events that had a profound impact on the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, James Scott will be dearly remembered by his loving wife of 35 years, Carolyn; his children, Tamara, James, Jr., and Brittany, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gunnery Sergeant James Michael Scott, Sr., USMC, Ret., an inspiring veteran and deacon who lifted those around him through his wisdom, good humor, and boundless desire to serve others; 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 Gunnery Sergeant James Michael Scott, Sr., USMC, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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