

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 541

Offered February 23, 2021

*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Michael Duvall Green, Sr.*

Patron—Lucas

WHEREAS, the Reverend Michael Duvall Green, Sr., a devoted spiritual leader and a talented musician who touched countless lives in Hampton Roads through his engaging ministries, joyful worship services, and wise insights, died on January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hampton, Michael Green graduated from Bethel High School and continued his education at Thomas Nelson Community College and the Deeper Life School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, Michael Green began to cultivate his deep faith at a young age as a member of St. Johns Church of God in Christ and cultivated his passions for community outreach and music as a choir singer and a member of several ministries; and

WHEREAS, in his youth, Michael Green traveled the world with his brother Phillip to document worship services, funerals, music performances, and other church events for the International Church of God in Christ, Inc., and he was a staff member for COGIC Videos, which was founded by his father; and

WHEREAS, Michael Green held several jobs outside the church until 1993, when at the age of 23 he focused his career on the ministry; he was subsequently ordained as an elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Michael Green shared his faith with others through music and established a group of talented singers and musicians called Judah; he wrote several songs, including "Let It Rain," "Count On Me," and "Every One of My Needs the Lord Provides," that elevated worship services and brought joy to congregants; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Michael Green founded Word and Power Ministries to empower people through the word of God, and after serving as pastor of New St. Mark Church of God in Christ in Portsmouth, he established Rock Center Church in Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, Michael Green and his wife, Candace, created the Marry Me ministry to help couples develop stronger marriages, and they used social media to expand the popular and successful ministry to couples of many backgrounds and faiths throughout the Commonwealth and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Michael Green was the founder and president of Michael Green Ministries Worldwide and the president of Church and Community in Action in Portsmouth; he also created a Preachers Clinic for pastors looking to better hone their ministerial techniques; and

WHEREAS, Michael Green held multiple leadership positions in the Church of God in Christ at the state, regional, national, and international levels and was twice selected to serve as a speaker in the International Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Michael Green will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 21 years, Candace; his son, Michael, Jr., and his family; and numerous other family members, friends, and congregants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Michael Duvall Green, Sr., a faith and community leader in Hampton Roads; and, be it

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

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