

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 708

Commending Bishop Mary E. Adams.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 2, 2021

WHEREAS, Bishop Mary E. Adams, senior pastor of Mt. Zion Cathedral in the City of Fredericksburg, has carried out important work for her congregation and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Adams holds several degrees in Christian counseling and education and has cultivated a diverse ministerial background, giving her great flexibility to achieve success within a broad range of assignments; and

WHEREAS, Mary Adams is committed to preaching and defending the gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching, encouraging, and mentoring others to help them maximize their potential; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mary Adams was consecrated as the first woman bishop in the City of Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her service as senior pastor of Mt. Zion Cathedral, Mary Adams holds the role of Overseer of Women at the Holy Communion of Churches; and

WHEREAS, Mary Adams is the author of 10 books, including *Beneath the Surface*, *Pursuing the Upward Call*, *The Best Days are Ahead*, *For Such a Time as This*, *Sounds of Destiny*, *On the Way There*, *For the Applause of Heaven*, *Living on Purpose*, *Beneath the Surface II*, and *Pressing Forward: Expecting Greater Against all Odds*; and

WHEREAS, Mary Adams has touched the lives of countless people in need throughout the Fredericksburg region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bishop Mary E. Adams hereby be commended for her service to the people of the City of Fredericksburg and her role as a spiritual center in the lives of so many people; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bishop Mary E. Adams as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her service as a faith and community leader.

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