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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 246

Offered February 18, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Pastor Kim William Bondes.*

Patrons—Ward; Senator: Locke

WHEREAS, Pastor Kim William Bondes, esteemed spiritual leader of Zion Baptist Church in Cardinal, Virginia, and a beloved member of the Hampton Roads community, died on January 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Kim Bondes was a member of the Hampton High School Class of 1975 and became a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Hampton, Virginia, serving from 1973 to 1985; he supported his congregation in various roles, including as Baptist Training Union Director, Sunday School Teacher, and Recreation Coordinator, and was ordained as a Deacon in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Kim Bondes would hear the call to preach a year later, becoming ordained to the Gospel Ministry on January 10, 1985, while receiving his Diploma in Christian Education from United Christian College in Portsmouth, Virginia; in May of that same year, he assumed the Pastorship of Zion Baptist Church in Cardinal, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Kim Bondes was the 18th Pastor of Zion Baptist Church and led his congregation for 25 years with great vision and a sense of tradition; he provided his parishioners with enlightening and edifying wisdom and innumerable opportunities for community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Kim Bondes was a guide and mentor to many other spiritual leaders, including fellow Pastors, Preachers, and Evangelists, enabling his sage and inspired counsel to radiate far beyond his immediate circle; and

WHEREAS, with an eye toward changing lives and uplifting his community, Kim Bondes founded the House of Jacob Church in Hampton, Virginia, in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kim Bondes will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Luetishia; his children, Kimberly, Kesha, Kristal, and Kristopher, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Pastor Kim William Bondes, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Cardinal, Virginia, whose sage spiritual leadership and compassion inspired all who knew him; 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 Pastor Kim William Bondes as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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