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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 626

Offered April 20, 2022

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Paul Sylvester Jones, Sr.

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Paul Sylvester Jones, Sr., a highly admired spiritual leader in Westmoreland County, died on February 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Paul Jones grew up in Westmoreland County and began to cultivate his deep and abiding faith from a young age as a member of Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Paul Jones pursued a career as a construction worker and remained active with his church community, serving as a Sunday school teacher and holding numerous leadership positions until he was ordained to the ministry in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Paul Jones served as president of the Zion Baptist Church Men's Fellowship, which later joined with similar groups at other churches to form the community service organization ALL Together Men's Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Paul Jones was appointed as assistant pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Kinsale in 2002 and helped the congregation grow in faith in that capacity for two decades; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Paul Jones expanded ministries for the homeless and other people in need, offered worship services in local nursing homes for residents who could not attend Sunday services, and he conducted Bible studies and counseling sessions at Northern Neck Regional Jail; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Paul Jones will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Shirley; his children, Paul, Jr., Henry, Anthony, Amanda, and Tijuana, 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 the Reverend Paul Sylvester Jones, Sr.; 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 the Reverend Paul Sylvester, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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