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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 273

Offered January 24, 2023

Commending Valerie Kay Brown.

Patron—Scott, D.L.

WHEREAS, Valerie Kay Brown, executive pastor of the Mount Global Fellowship of Churches headquartered in Chesapeake and a respected faith leader and author, has greatly served her congregation and the Chesapeake community for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Brown's educational pursuits have included a bachelor's degree in accounting from Virginia State University and a doctoral degree in management from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University; and

WHEREAS, as a certified public accountant, Valerie Brown has helped numerous professionals, businesses, and churches in the Chesapeake area manage their finances and achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, answering the call to share her faith and serve others, Valerie Brown was ordained as an elder of administration and licensed to preach the Gospel in 2002 and was later ordained as a minister of the Gospel in 2009; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by partners at the Mount Global Fellowship of Churches as "Elder Valerie," Valerie Brown is responsible for managing and operating the church's eight satellite locations with six in the Commonwealth and two in North Carolina, including Signet Family Life Center, Signet Bowling Center, Summit Counseling and Wellness Center, and Key's Resource Center and Café; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Brown and her husband, Bishop Dr. Kim Walter Brown, founded K.W. Brown International Ministries, Inc., in the early 2000s with funds they had raised from various speaking engagements over the years; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Brown and K.W. Brown Ministries have greatly supported the community through numerous forms of outreach, including sending youth to summer camps and providing scholarships for graduating high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Brown and K.W. Brown Ministries have organized the Issachar Leadership Conference, bringing internationally renowned preachers of the Gospel to the Commonwealth for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Brown and her husband hosted two television shows on Fox 43-WVBT, *Marriage Talk* and *Keys to the Kingdom*, broadcasting their uplifting spiritual wisdom to thousands; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Brown has shared her message and understanding of the Gospel as author of the popular books *The Miseducation of the Christian: Your Guide to Understanding God's Original Plan of Financial Freedom*, *What's in a Title?: A New Leadership Paradigm*, *Creating Pastures: A Plan For Kingdom Legacy For The Church And Family*, and *You Can't Do What?: The Real Meaning of Your Salvation*; and

WHEREAS, prior to her ministerial work, Valerie Brown taught at Norfolk State University and at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and also held executive positions at The Elder's House, Inc., among other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Brown has given generously of her time and talents through her service on several boards, including the advisory board for the former SunTrust Bank and the Virginia State University Board of Visitors, on which she serves as rector; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to her community, Valerie Brown has received myriad accolades and awards over her career, including the 2017 Women in Business Award from *Inside Business* magazine and the 2018 Women of Distinction Award in the nonprofit category from YWCA South Hampton Roads; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Valerie Kay Brown, executive pastor of the Mount Global Fellowship of Churches, hereby be commended for more than 30 years of service in support of the Chesapeake community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Valerie Kay Brown as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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