

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 714

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3 *Commending Beverly Johnson.*
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6 Patron—Mundon King
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9 WHEREAS, Beverly Johnson, a Gospel music recording artist, evangelist, and inspirational community
10 leader, has touched the lives of countless Virginians through her exceptional talent, unwavering faith, and
11 commitment to empowering others; and

12 WHEREAS, Beverly “Bev” Johnson holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from H.E. Wood Bible
13 Institute and Theological Seminary and is the founder of My Praise, My Worship Music & Arts Ministry,
14 which supports various artistic expressions, offers scholarships for high school students to higher education,
15 and hosts an annual concert to showcase top Gospel singers from Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and
16 Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, Bev Johnson released her first gospel album, “My Praise, My Worship,” in 2009, then a
18 Christmas single, “Have Yourself a Merry Christmas with a Little Love and Jazz,” in 2012; she followed up
19 with her second album, “It’s In You,” in 2019 and another Christmas single and music video, “We Give You
20 Praise,” in 2020; and

21 WHEREAS, Bev Johnson’s music has been featured on several radio and television programs, and she has
22 appeared at the Stellar Awards, opened for Vivica A. Fox at a Virginia Black History Month Association
23 event, and performed on the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, in addition to other prestigious venues; and

24 WHEREAS, Bev Johnson’s captivating performances and profound lyrics have helped listeners deepen
25 their faith and renew their commitment to ministry and community engagement; and

26 WHEREAS, in addition to her career in music, Bev Johnson is an active leader with many civic and
27 service organizations, including the Prince William County Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black
28 Women and The Dale City-Prince William Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, where she serves as the
29 Chaplain, as well as at her home church, First Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dumfries, where she serves in
30 the music department; and

31 WHEREAS, Bev Johnson has inspired and empowered countless young people to hone their musical
32 talents and pursue their passions by serving as a mentor at Jenkins Elementary School in Woodbridge and at
33 high schools in Prince William County and in Fredericksburg; she is also currently writing a motivational
34 book, *Her Glory*, which offers inspirational advice for young women; and

35 WHEREAS, Bev Johnson has earned numerous awards and accolades over the years, including the Dale
36 City Multicultural Professional Leadership Award and the Most Influential Women’s Award, sponsored by
37 G3 Community Services, for her work in the Stafford County region; now, therefore, be it

38 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Beverly Johnson hereby be commended for her
39 accomplishments as a Gospel singer, devoted evangelist, and passionate community leader; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
presentation to Beverly Johnson as an expression of the House of Delegates’ admiration for her personal and
professional achievements in service to others.

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