

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 781

Offered June 28, 2024

3 Commending Immanuel Mar Thoma Church.

4 Patron—

5 WHEREAS, Immanuel Mar Thoma Church in Aldie, a parish under the Diocese of North America and
6 Europe of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, an autonomous eastern Protestant Christian church
7 based in Kerala, India, has greatly served the community for many years; and

8 WHEREAS, since the early 1990s, a devoted group of Mar Thoma families lived in the Commonwealth,
9 aspiring to one day establish a place of worship close to home; and

10 WHEREAS, after its members participated actively with the Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington
11 for many years, the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church was approved as a new parish of the Malankara Mar
12 Thoma Syrian Church on April 15, 2010, by the Synod of the Mar Thoma Church; and

13 WHEREAS, on December 26, 2010, the bishop of the Diocese of North America and Europe of the
14 Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, the Right Reverend Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa,
15 officially inaugurated Immanuel Mar Thoma Church; and

16 WHEREAS, the Reverend M.M. John was appointed by the Most Reverend Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma
17 Metropolitan to serve as the first vicar of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, who was followed in the pastorship
18 by a series of accomplished faith leaders, including the Reverend Dr. Philip Varghese, the Reverend Roy
19 Geevarghese, the Reverend Jaisen Thomas, the Reverend Alex Kolath, the Reverend Prince Varghese, and
20 the Reverend Renny Varghese; and

21 WHEREAS, today, the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church supports its congregation with various programs
22 and services, including a yuvajana sakhyam, sevika sangham, choir, Sunday school, edavaka mission, youth
23 fellowship, young families' fellowship, prayer groups, and mission-oriented outreach programs; and

24 WHEREAS, the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church has provided a spiritual home to the many individuals and
25 families who have strengthened their faith and found a greater sense of purpose and community within its
26 walls; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Immanuel Mar Thoma Church hereby be commended for
28 its mission and service; and, be it

29 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
30 presentation to representatives of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church as an expression of the House of Delegates'
31 admiration for its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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