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1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 623**

2 Offered February 7, 2025

3 *Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dr. Fernando Eugene Temple, Sr.*4 _____
5 Patron—McQuinn6 WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Fernando Eugene Temple, Sr., of Varina, an inspirational faith leader who
7 touched countless lives in Virginia and North Carolina, died on December 23, 2024; and8 WHEREAS, Fernando Temple grew up in eastern Henrico County and attended Henrico County Public
9 Schools; he began to cultivate his deep faith at a young age as a member of First Bethel Baptist Church,
10 where he served as a Sunday school superintendent, deacon, and youth minister; and11 WHEREAS, after serving the nation for four years as a member of the United States Air Force, Fernando
12 Temple returned to the Commonwealth and pursued a 25-year career as a driver and salesman with the
13 Roadway Express trucking company; and14 WHEREAS, in 1980, Fernando Temple answered the call to the ministry and was licensed to preach at
15 First Bethel Baptist Church; he was ordained in 1981 and began his pastoral career in 1982; and16 WHEREAS, Fernando Temple led the congregation of Brown Grove Baptist Church in Ashland as pastor
17 for 20 years, then joined Parker's Grove Baptist Church in North Carolina in 2004; and18 WHEREAS, Fernando Temple provided his visionary leadership and wise insights to the Chickahominy
19 Baptist Association of Hanover County and was a longtime member of the Hampton Ministers Conference,
20 the Baptist Ministers Conference of Richmond and Vicinity, and the West Roanoke Missionary Baptist
21 Association; and22 WHEREAS, Fernando Temple will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife,
23 Annelore; his children, Margaret, Christel, Fernando, Jr., and Yvonne, and their families; and numerous other
24 family members and friends; now, therefore, be it25 RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Dr.
26 Fernando Eugene Temple, Sr., a highly admired spiritual leader in Henrico County; and, be it27 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
28 presentation to the family of the Reverend Dr. Fernando Eugene Temple, Sr., as an expression of the House
29 of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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