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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 934

Offered April 2, 2025

Commending Shekijah Preparation Assembly.

Patron—Cole

WHEREAS, Shekijah Preparation Assembly in Lynchburg has greatly served its members by providing them with uplifting spiritual guidance, joyful occasions for worship and fellowship, and abundant opportunities for community outreach; and

WHEREAS, founded on May 31, 1987, by Bishop Terence M. Sykes, Shekijah Preparation Assembly includes members from a variety of different faith backgrounds who have joined together to give praise and glory to God; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Terence Sykes and his wife and co-pastor, Shereé Sykes, Shekijah Preparation Assembly has grown mightily over the years while broadening its impact in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Shekijah Preparation Assembly built and relocated to a new 500-seat sanctuary, which has since been expanded with the BTMS Victory Fellowship Hall, named in honor of the church's founder and pastor; and

WHEREAS, Shekijah Preparation Assembly serves as the Virginia district headquarters church for the Mount Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc., which has affiliated churches in 17 states and 12 countries; and

WHEREAS, music features prominently in Shekijah Preparation Assembly's ministry efforts, as Terence Sykes has penned songs for renowned gospel artists and the choir has recorded albums and performed across the United States; and

WHEREAS, by serving as a spiritual home to its many members over the past four decades, Shekijah Preparation Assembly has shaped countless lives and helped to make Lynchburg a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Shekijah Preparation Assembly hereby be commended for its spiritual leadership and legacy of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bishop Terence M. Sykes, founder and pastor of Shekijah Preparation Assembly, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's contributions to Lynchburg and the Commonwealth.

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