

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 870

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Keith Elwood Edmonds, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, the Reverend Keith Elwood Edmonds, Sr., an esteemed faith leader, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and cherished member of the Richmond community, died on July 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond and member of the George Wythe High School Class of 1973, Keith Edmonds later graduated from the Way of Life Spiritual Development Center that operated in partnership with Oral Roberts University; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Keith Edmonds worked tirelessly on behalf of Philip Morris, Inc., where he retired in 2003; and

WHEREAS, baptized at Morning Star Baptist Church in Richmond, Keith Edmonds was guided throughout his life by his faith and later joined the congregation at Koinonia Community Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, after answering the call to lead others in their spiritual journeys, Keith Edmonds was licensed to preach the gospel in January 2002, ordained in August 2004, and unanimously elected to serve as pastor of Koinonia Community Church in June 2008, where he would be installed the following year; and

WHEREAS, beyond his work as a pastor of Koinonia Community Church, Keith Edmonds nurtured other spiritual endeavors as the treasurer of the Southside Ministerial Alliance and the vice president of the organization Pastors for Pastors, as well as through his involvement with the Haiti Outreach Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Keith Edmonds generously supported his community as president of the Hull Street-Midlothian Civic Association and by fostering collaboration between the Richmond Police Department and the community; and

WHEREAS, Keith Edmonds will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Michelle; his children, Keith, Jr., Michaun, James, and Felix, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Keith Elwood Edmonds, Sr., a revered member of the Richmond community whose faith, dedication, and legacy of service inspired all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend Keith Elwood Edmonds, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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