

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 928

Commending the Reverend Dr. Iva E. Carruthers.

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

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Iva E. Carruthers has fostered interfaith understanding and made numerous contributions to racial and social justice through her leadership of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference; and

WHEREAS, Iva Carruthers has a long history of engagement with community development initiatives and social justice ministry around the world; she is a professor emeritus and former chair of the Sociology Department at Northeastern Illinois University, as well as the founding president of Nexus Unlimited, an information and technology firm, and the founder of Lois House, an urban retreat center in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Iva Carruthers has served on many boards and committees at the local, national, and international levels, and she has authored and edited a number of articles and publications in the areas of religion, sociology, and digital technology; and

WHEREAS, as a founding trustee and the general secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Iva Carruthers has helped the organization fulfill its mission to nurture, sustain, and mobilize the African American faith community in collaboration with civic, corporate, and philanthropic leaders to address critical needs of human rights and social justice within local, national, and global communities; and

WHEREAS, as a nonprofit organization and a United Nations non-governmental organization, the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference seeks to strengthen the individual and collective capacity of thought leaders and activists in the church, academy, and community through education, advocacy, and activism; Iva Carruthers has inspired all members of the organization through her wisdom, integrity, and commitment to excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Reverend Dr. Iva E. Carruthers hereby be commended for her legacy of service to people in need around the world; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Dr. Iva E. Carruthers as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her personal and professional achievements.

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