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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 996

Offered October 28, 2025

Commending Lucretia Mason-Underdue.

Patron—Scott, D.

WHEREAS, Lucretia Mason-Underdue, an elder and associate minister at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Portsmouth, has exemplified perseverance, faith, and academic excellence by earning a doctor of ministry degree in pastoral care and counseling from New Brunswick Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dendron, Lucretia Mason-Underdue has dedicated her life to service, education, and ministry, overcoming significant health challenges with unwavering faith in God; and

WHEREAS, Lucretia Mason-Underdue is a proud graduate of Virginia State University with both a bachelor's degree in social work and a master of education degree in counseling, and she furthered her theological training by earning a master of divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, Lucretia Mason-Underdue has served faithfully as a school counselor for Portsmouth Public Schools and as a qualified mental health professional in the Commonwealth, offering compassionate care to students and clients alike; and

WHEREAS, an ordained preacher of the Gospel since 2009, Lucretia Mason-Underdue is an associate minister at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Portsmouth, where she serves in multiple ministries and as assistant to the pastor, continuing to uplift and guide her congregation through teaching, counseling, and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Lucretia Mason-Underdue has been a trusted leader in various ecclesiastical organizations, including the Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers' Conference, where she serves as treasurer, and the Hampton Ministers' Conference, the largest gathering of its kind in the nation, where she was appointed to the presidential core team; and

WHEREAS, Lucretia Mason-Underdue is the founder of LMU Ministries, LLC, through which she empowers others with mentoring, coaching, and spiritual guidance; and

WHEREAS, Lucretia Mason-Underdue has received numerous honors for her service, including the Edgar A. Love Award for Outstanding Theology from the Portsmouth Omega Foundation, and accolades from civic and professional organizations recognizing her work in counseling, ministry, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, Lucretia Mason-Underdue is a devoted wife to Mr. Clyde Underdue and a loving godmother, who continues to touch lives through her ministry, her book *Real Prayers for Real People*, and her annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Lucretia Mason-Underdue hereby be commended on the occasion of her graduation from New Brunswick Theological Seminary for earning a doctor of ministry degree in pastoral care and counseling; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lucretia Mason-Underdue as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her tireless commitment to faith, education, and service.

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