

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 975

Commending Christians United to Serve - Youth Empowerment Program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, October 29, 2025

WHEREAS, Christians United to Serve -Youth Empowerment Program is a faith-based, nonprofit organization founded in June 2020 by Linwood Williams, who has transformed the lives of young men across the Hampton Roads Region by promoting mentorship, workforce development, and community engagement through his visionary leadership of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Christians United to Serve - Youth Empowerment Program (C.U.T.S.-YEP) serves young people ages 13 to 18 and extends support to young men ages 19 to 23, helping them navigate the critical years of early adulthood, higher education, and career development, all while instilling a sense of responsibility, purpose, and service; and

WHEREAS, Linwood Williams and his dedicated team have grown C.U.T.S.-YEP into an organization that is rooted in purpose, compassion, and accountability, and they have been instrumental community partners, actively supporting civic efforts, such as assisting with petitions, placing yard signs, knocking on doors, and gathering signatures to advance causes that benefit the broader community; and

WHEREAS, through its robust programming, including weekly workforce development training, a cutting-edge Virtual Learning Center, individualized mentorship, and more than 2,500 hours of community service, C.U.T.S.-YEP has empowered more than 150 youths across six cities in Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, the success of C.U.T.S.-YEP has been demonstrated through academic improvements, vocational placements, and life-changing achievements by alumni, including enlistment in the United States Armed Forces, employment in skilled trades, college enrollment, and full-ride scholarships to prestigious institutions; and

WHEREAS, C.U.T.S.-YEP partners with local faith-based organizations, city departments, and service-based initiatives to address and combat challenges such as gun violence, school disengagement, and generational poverty, working daily to ensure that every young man has the opportunity to thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Christians United to Serve -Youth Empowerment Program hereby be commended on the occasion of its fifth anniversary for its community leadership, dedication to service, and life-changing impact on the youth of Hampton Roads; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Linwood Williams and the Christians United to Serve -Youth Empowerment Program leadership team as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's unwavering commitment to uplifting youth and building stronger communities.

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