

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 647

Celebrating the life of Bishop John H. Colander.

Agreed to by the Senate, July 18, 2024

WHEREAS, Bishop John H. Colander, a highly admired spiritual leader in Hampton Roads, died on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, John Colander was born in part of the former Nansemond County, now Suffolk, where he graduated from John F. Kennedy High School; he served the nation as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious achievements; and

WHEREAS, John Colander continued his education at what is now the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University; he followed in his father's footsteps as a pastor and ministered to the congregations of Faith Temple Apostolic Church in Suffolk and First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, John Colander was a lifetime member of Faith Temple Apostolic Church in Suffolk and served as director of the church's Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, John Colander also held several other leadership roles with faith organizations in Virginia and North Carolina, as well as national positions, through which he touched the lives of countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in the ministry, John Colander enjoyed a long career with the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, John Colander will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Hortense; his children, Kris and Latasha, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Bishop John H. Colander, a respected pastor in Portsmouth who touched countless lives through his commitment to servant leadership; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Bishop John H. Colander as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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