

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 807

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Sylvia Cole.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates July 18, 2024

WHEREAS, the Reverend Sylvia Cole, an esteemed faith leader, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, and cherished member of the Greater Richmond community, died on June 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Cole's spiritual journey began in her youth at Bethany Baptist Church in Sandston, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and usher; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Cole later joined Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle in Ashland and was active through both mission trips abroad and ministry work at the city jail and drug rehabilitation center in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Cole was licensed to preach in 1980 and ordained as a minister in 1997, becoming an associate minister of Hands of Hope Full Gospel Church in Richmond and Chief Cornerstone Full Gospel Church in Goochland alongside her husband, the Reverend Leroy Cole; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Cole had the honorable distinction of serving as guest speaker for the first ladies retreat held by the Greater Refuge Apostolic Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Cole worked tirelessly to bring aid and comfort to those in need, often visiting nursing homes and those homebound by illness, and she served as a member of the Shepherd's Staff Ministry and with the cares ministry for the Refiners life stage group at The Saint Paul's Baptist Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, Leroy, Sylvia Cole will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Kissimmee and Ariel, and their families, and by 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 Sylvia Cole, a revered faith leader whose inner radiance and spiritual wisdom brightened countless lives; 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 Sylvia Cole as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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