

## 2022 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 173

*Commending Winners Church of Dumfries.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Winners Church of Dumfries, which provides spiritual leadership, generous outreach programs, and opportunities for joyful worship to members of Prince William and Stafford Counties, received the Religious Institution of the Year Award at the Town of Dumfries' Annual Mayor's Ball in 2021; and

WHEREAS, founded on December 11, 2010, by Pastor Henry Godwin and his wife, Flora, Winners Church has grown from a small congregation to a devoted community of 400 to 500 members over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the congregants of Winners Church have spearheaded many ministries and organizations to advance the church's mission, including the Women's Ministry, Ladies of Virtue and Excellence; the Men's Ministry, Men of Valor and Excellence; the Evangelism Ministry; the Outreach Ministry; the nonprofit organization Hope Alive Foundation; the Males and Females Development Ministry for teenagers; and the Business and Career Development Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Winners Church and its members have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the well-being of others through their service in the community, including an annual turkey giveaway, homeless shelter visits, and other volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, Winners Church and its members have risen to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing groceries, toiletries, and financial assistance to those in need and laptops to students to facilitate their virtual learning, while convening a panel of doctors to educate others about the pandemic and the importance of vaccination; and

WHEREAS, Winners Church has extended its outreach internationally, building a well to provide clean water to a community abroad, providing hot meals to a community in the Dominican Republic every week for the past seven years, and offering financial assistance to Haiti following earthquakes in 2010 and 2012 and to Sierra Leone following mudslides in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Winners Church are the result of the values and vision of its founders and the unwavering devotion of its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Winners Church hereby be commended for being honored as the 2021 Religious Institution of the Year at the Town of Dumfries' Annual Mayor's Ball; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Winners Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's service to the community.

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