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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17**

Offered January 27, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Bishop Carver E. Poindexter.*

Patron—Mundon King

WHEREAS, Bishop Carver E. Poindexter of Alexandria, an inspirational faith leader who touched countless lives through his passion for ministry and dedication to community outreach, died on January 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Carver Poindexter was born in Washington, D.C., and began to develop his passion for music at a young age as a member of a local band, The Embraceables; he was active in the civil rights movement, serving as a frontline advocate at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Carver Poindexter pursued a career with the Department of Defense and was an active member of Mount Nebo Pentecostal Church in Alexandria, where he served as an usher, deacon, and elder; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Carver Poindexter answered the call to ministry by founding Love of Christ Church in Alexandria with his wife, Lorene, and for more than four decades, they worked together to provide opportunities for joyful worship and Bible study to the community; and

WHEREAS, Carver Poindexter continued to share his musical gifts with others as a member of Love of Christ Church's men's chorus and pastor's quartet, and he established critical outreach programs for youths, incarcerated people, the homeless, and other local residents in need; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Carver Poindexter was selected as a district elder for International Bible Way and organized leadership training sessions and fellowship events for other church leaders in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Carver Poindexter was subsequently elevated to the office of bishop and ultimately became International Bible Way's assistant diocesan and vice presiding bishop for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, shortly after opening Love of Christ Church, Carver Poindexter wrote the song "Power in the Word" and later used the title for a radio broadcast on WUST-AM; and

WHEREAS, the "Power in the Word" show thrived over the years, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, Carver Poindexter expanded the program's presence on social media to bring hope and comfort to new audiences around the country and the world through live streaming; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Carver Poindexter was appointed as Chief of Apostolic Biblical Studies for Churches United; his wise insights empowered other church leaders in the United States, Europe, and Africa to achieve new heights in religious scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Carver Poindexter's greatest joy in life was his beloved family, and he relished every opportunity to spend time with them watching football, traveling, enjoying a meal, singing and listening to music, or growing together in prayer; and

WHEREAS, Carver Poindexter will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Lorene; his children, Deborah, Robin, Ronnie, Oreale, Nora, and Marlin, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Bishop Carver E. Poindexter, a highly admired pastor and community leader in Alexandria; 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 Bishop Carver E. Poindexter as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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