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## **BOARD MATTER**

### **Proclamation Request for Pastor David Rhodenhizer of Calvary Road Baptist Church**

Mr. Chairman,

In Franconia District we are very fortunate to have many faith communities, including Calvary Road Baptist Church (CRBC). When Pastor Dave Rhodenhizer and his wife Linda first arrived in Northern Virginia over 46 years ago, they started a church called New Life Baptist Church. His newly founded church met at the "old" Mount Vernon High School located on Route One. In 1979, New Life Baptist Church merged with Calvary Road Baptist Church. Pastor Dave has been the Senior Pastor of the Church ever since. Pastor Dave, and his wife Linda, have 5 Children and 15 Grandchildren and live in the Franconia District just down the street from the Church.

As Pastor, Dave has focused on outreach to the community. Calvary Road Baptist Church has held a semi-annual Children's Consignment Sale for 23 years, where they serve approximately 2000 people annually. 30% of the sales go to charity donations and they have donated close to \$500,000 to charitable organizations in 23 years. CRBC

donates many of the unsold items to organizations like Koinonia, Salvation Army, and Goodwill, and donates a large portion of their charitable funds and needed baby care items to Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

The Church has expanded under Pastor Dave's leadership; they bought surrounding property over the years to increase the size of the footprint of the Church to what it is today. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, they welcomed nearly a thousand members each Sunday with three different services throughout the day. Now they average 300 to 400 members of the congregation each Sunday. The Church also runs Calvary Road Christian School, which has been in operation for over 40 years.

Mr. Chairman, I move that a proclamation be prepared in acknowledgement of Pastor David Rhodenhizer and Calvary Road Baptist Church's commitment to serving others and our community, be presented at their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event in June 2023. I look forward to celebrating their immense impact on our community at their celebration in June.