

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

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By: **Senator Trotter**
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Bishop James R. Peebles Drive**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming Arena Drive in Prince George's County to "Bishop
4 James R. Peebles Drive" or dedicating Arena Drive to Bishop Peebles.

5 WHEREAS, In 1964, the Reverend James R. Peebles, Sr. and his wife Betty
6 founded a Baptist mission named "Jericho Ministries" in the Odd Fellows Hall in
7 Washington, D.C., with a membership of six people; and

8 WHEREAS, Jericho Ministries constructed its first church on Douglas Street in
9 Washington, D.C. at a cost of \$31,000 in 1969; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1977, after the Jericho Ministries grew too large for its first
11 church, a new 800 seat auditorium was purchased for \$1.3 million; and

12 WHEREAS, Jericho Ministries opened the Jericho Christian Training Center
13 College in 1978 which has provided a tuition-free 4-year curriculum to over 7,000
14 graduates in the past 20 years; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1988, Jericho Ministries opened the Jericho City of Praise, which
16 is a \$4.5 million complex on more than 80 acres of land in Landover, Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, The Jericho City of Praise is equipped with a sanctuary building
18 which seats 10,000 people, an educational building with an 800 student capacity, and
19 a college building with a 3,000 student capacity; and

20 WHEREAS, The Reverend Peebles was ordained as Bishop of the Jericho
21 Ministries in 1988; and

1 WHEREAS, Bishop Peebles and his Jericho Ministries have provided clothing,
2 food, and shelter to thousands of people in need; and

3 WHEREAS, Jericho Ministries has provided convalescent home ministry,
4 ministry for the incarcerated, Spanish outreach ministry, and hospital "cheer-up"
5 ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop James R. Peebles died in 1996, leaving a church he built
7 with over 8,000 members; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Arena
9 Drive in the Landover area of Prince George's County be renamed "Bishop James R.
10 Peebles Drive" or dedicated to Bishop James R. Peebles; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
12 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
13 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
14 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.