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RESOLUTIONS OF THE SBC OF VIRGINIA 2014 ANNUAL HOMECOMING
THE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Resolution 1

ON GRATITUDE TO THE LORD AND THE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLONIAL HEIGHTS
November 2014

WHEREAS, The 2014 Annual Homecoming of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia has been a time of edification, encouragement, and equipping; and

WHEREAS, We recognize an event of this magnitude requires diligent preparation and planning; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the warm and gracious hospitality of the people of The Heights Baptist Church, Colonial Heights; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia meeting in Colonial Heights, Virginia, November 9-11, 2014, express heartfelt gratitude to the Lord and to all those He has used to bring about an Annual Homecoming characterized by a wonderful spirit of unity and cooperation focused on the Great Commission.

Resolution 2

OF APPRECIATION FOR CONGRESSMAN J. RANDY FORBES
November 2014

WHEREAS, Congressman J. Randy Forbes, since elected to Congress in 2001, has set his key priorities to protect and defend our nation; and

WHEREAS, Congressman J. Randy Forbes “founded and chairs the Congressional Prayer Caucus and has led this group of bipartisan Members in national efforts to protect prayer and our nation’s spiritual history”; and

WHEREAS Congressman J. Randy Forbes has expressed public appreciation and recognition for the SBC of Virginia’s disaster relief volunteers and response efforts, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we the SBC of Virginia express our love and gratitude to God for the life and work efforts of Congressman J. Randy Forbes; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the SBC of Virginia would pray the Lord’s blessing on Congressman J. Randy Forbes’ continued service in our nation’s Congress.

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Resolution 3

ON A REAFFIRMATION OF BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

November 2014

WHEREAS, we the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God, and is the lens through which we see and understand God's gracious and loving design for marriage, (Gen 2:24) and

WHEREAS the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia and its affiliated Churches reaffirm the historic and biblical definition of marriage, and the need for it in our society; and

WHEREAS we affirm Article III section 1 of the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution which states, "Among churches not in cooperation with the Convention are churches which act to affirm, approve, or endorse homosexual behavior" and

WHEREAS some within our current culture, and judicial system, promote and recognize alternate definitions of marriage in an increasing number of states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Be it

RESOLVED that we affirm that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: marriage, as instituted by God, is the joining of one man and one woman in a single, permanent, exclusive union. (Genesis 1:27; 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6) God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. God has commanded that no one engage in intimate sexual activity outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. (I Corinthians 7:1-9) Be it further

RESOLVED that we, affirm that declaring God's Word and warning people of the consequences of their sins, including sexual sins, is an act of loving concern (James 5:19-20). God's Word remains true and His prohibitions—including those on sexual sins—cannot be changed by any human government. (Acts 5:29) Be it finally

RESOLVED that we, affirm God's offer of redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-13) We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Ephesians 4:29-32; I John 4:20-21) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual, including those involved in sexual sin, are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of the church and are to be repudiated. (Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Peter 3:8-12)



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Resolution 4

ON GRATITUDE TO THE SBC OF VIRGINIA DISASTER RELIEF TEAM
November 2014

WHEREAS, SBC of Virginia disaster relief team has provided the messengers and guests of the 2014 Annual Homecoming at The Heights Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, Virginia, with an outstanding meal, demonstrating their ongoing ministry in meeting the Spiritual and Physical needs of people in times of crisis.

WHEREAS, the SBC of Virginia disaster relief team has made sharing the Gospel their primary passion and objective in training and in practice

WHEREAS, we affirm the Ready Church initiative that enables churches to prepare, connect, and respond to the needs in their own Jerusalem. Let it be

RESOLVED that we express heartfelt gratitude to our SBC of Virginia disaster relief staff and volunteers.