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Victor E. Hardy; death resolution

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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2055**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE REVERAND VICTOR ELSBERRY HARDY.

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1           The Reverend Victor Elsberry Hardy passed away on March 22, 2025.

2           Victor E. Hardy was originally from Portsmouth, Virginia where he  
3 graduated from Manor High School, before going on to study music and  
4 performance at Norfolk State University. Victor then joined the military  
5 and, after getting out, pursued religious studies at Liberty University.

6           Victor Hardy married the love of his life, Cynthia, and had three  
7 sons together. He and his family would later move to Arizona where he  
8 would find his place in the church.

9           From 2015 to 2025, the Reverend Victor Hardy made history as the  
10 first African American solo officiating pastor at the Congregational  
11 Church of the Valley in Chandler. He also became the first and only  
12 African American Executive Director of co-founder Jon McHatton's For Our  
13 City Chandler civic group. In 2011, he co-founded Chandler Men of Action,  
14 an organization that hosted its first African American Scholarship Banquet  
15 in February 2012.

16           The Reverend Victor Hardy was ordained on September 16, 2012, and  
17 proudly served as a servant of God since that time. He was the solo  
18 pastor after serving as associate minister at Congregational Church of the  
19 Valley in Chandler, in fellowship with the National Congregation Christian  
20 Church of North America. This year would have marked his tenth year as  
21 the church's pastor.

22           The Reverend Victor Hardy loved all God's children and was steadfast  
23 to encourage them to the pathway to righteousness. He invited the  
24 community to visit the house of God by hosting various community events  
25 and allowing other community groups to use the church for their events.  
26 Additionally, he reconnected the church with some nonprofit groups that  
27 the church sponsored over the years.

28           The Reverend Victor Hardy is lovingly remembered by his devoted  
29 wife, Cynthia, and their sons, David, Julian and Patrick. His many  
30 friends and parishioners will continue to carry forward his legacy through  
31 the stories, memories and values he instilled in them.

32           Therefore

33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
34 the Senate concurring:

35           That the Members of the Legislature express sincere regret at the  
36 passing of the Reverend Victor Elsberry Hardy and extend their deepest  
37 sympathies to his surviving family members.