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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 891

Offered February 3, 2005

Commending Zion Hill Baptist Church.

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Patrons—Orrock, Cole and McDougle; Senator: Houck

WHEREAS, Zion Hill Baptist Church, located in Spotsylvania County, was founded in October 1880; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2005, Zion Hill Baptist Church will celebrate its 125th year of service to its parishioners, the Spotsylvania community, and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend R. B. Townes, the first pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church, began preaching at services in October 1905; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend James W. Johnson II, who began his service to the church on November 22, 2003, is the present pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Zion Hill Baptist Church has continued throughout its 125-year history to serve the spiritual needs of the residents of Spotsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, Zion Hill Baptist Church has been faithful, generous, and supportive throughout its history to the citizens of Spotsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, over its 125 years of existence, Zion Hill Baptist Church has grown and prospered along with the Spotsylvania County community of which it is now a vital part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Zion Hill Baptist Church on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend James W. Johnson II, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the church's many contributions to the spiritual welfare of the Spotsylvania County community.