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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

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Commending the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Patron—Hall

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Richmond celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2008; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1908, a group of residents in Forest Hill, presided over by the Right Reverend A. M. Randolph, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, met in the little school house on 41st Street to consider the organization of a new church; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Southern Virginia met in Danville in June 1908 and approved the organization of an independent congregation and the name "Church of the Good Shepherd"; and

WHEREAS, the cornerstone was laid on June 25, 1908, in a ceremony officiated by the Manchester Masons Lodge 14 and the new church was built on the corner of 43rd and Forest Hill Avenue, known as River Road at that time; and

WHEREAS, the first service was held on November 15 of the same year; and

WHEREAS, in 1908 the congregation began with 32 people and over the years the parish has grown and ministered to thousands in its south Richmond community through worship, outreach ministries, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd's dedication to education and youth has long been a guiding light in the community providing Sunday school for children of many faiths; and

WHEREAS, in 1972 the Good Shepherd Episcopal School was established as a fully accredited independent school with preschool through eighth grade instruction; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd is "To Know Christ and Make Him Known" and the members of the congregation welcome all to worship with them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd as an expression of the House of Delegates' best wishes for a joyful celebration and future success in the church's ministry.

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