

## 2008 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6055

Offered June 23, 2008

*Commending the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond.*

Patrons—McClellan, Ebbin, Englin, Hall, Jones, D.C. and Moran; Senators: Marsh and McEachin

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond is recognized for its service to the Richmond community on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1978, the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond first met at the Friends Meeting House; and

WHEREAS, as the congregation grew over the years, the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond desired a building of its own; and

WHEREAS, through fundraising and various gifts thoughtfully provided by members including Norwood Boone, Jon Lowe, and Hal Bell, the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond was able to purchase a building on Park Avenue in the Fan District of Richmond and install an elevator for handicapped members; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond has grown from a few dozen members to a larger congregation that has a Fine Arts Ministry, HIV/AIDS Ministry, and Social Justice Ministry, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond has been led over the years by dedicated and able pastors and lay leaders, who have provided exceptional leadership and inspirational ministry; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond provides an opportunity for its members to grow in faith, service, and fellowship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond on the occasion of its 30th 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 Dr. Robin H. Gorsline, the pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond, as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for future success in the church's ministry.

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