

## 2010 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

*Commending Zion Baptist Church.*

Agreed to by the Senate, March 12, 2010

WHEREAS, Zion Baptist Church of Purdy and its faithful congregation celebrate 150 years of service to the Lord and the community in 2010; and

WHEREAS, organized in 1860, the original members met in a little valley off the edge of a low-grown cornfield under a bush hovel until after the emancipation; and

WHEREAS, G. Batte and his wife, A.R. Batte, then bought an acre of land to build a church; the first church was a log building that served the congregation as it grew in faith and numbers; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the old structure was destroyed by fire, but the Zion Baptist Church congregation persevered and with the help of various businesses, organizations, and individuals built a new sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the building has been enlarged by various additions, including a fellowship hall and choir room; the membership increased and the church added a Bible study, annual Sunday School picnic, Vacation Bible School, and male chorus; and

WHEREAS, Zion Baptist Church has been served throughout its 150-year history by immensely dedicated and able pastors and lay staff, who have provided visionary leadership, devout worship, meaningful Christian education, and enthusiastic ministry and community missions; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long history, Zion Baptist Church has provided its devoted congregation, its neighbors, and the community with a special place to worship, to help others, and to grow in faith and service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Zion Baptist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zion Baptist Church as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's congratulations and best wishes for future success in its ministries.

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