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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 509

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Commending Mount Zion Baptist Church.

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WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church of Charles City will proudly celebrate its historic 200th anniversary in 2012; and

WHEREAS, in 1812, slaves who worshipped at Elam Baptist Church desired to form their own church and founded Mount Zion Baptist Church; John Lee Wilson and his wife, Mollie H. Wilson, paid \$20 for land on Route 5, where the church built its first sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, after the first church building burned, members of Mount Zion Baptist Church met at a building known as L. Bethel, eventually receiving the deed to property it was located on in 1885; and

WHEREAS, the following year, Reverend Silas Richardson, the first pastor at that location, oversaw the construction of a new sanctuary for members of Mount Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the members of Mount Zion Baptist Church grew in faith and numbers under the inspired influence and guidance of strong spiritual leaders; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church expanded its facilities to meet the growing needs of its members, adding a choir room, annex, baptismal pool, central heating and cooling, carpet, a public announcement system, and pews; and

WHEREAS, today, Mount Zion Baptist Church offers Christian education and various ministries to provide members of the congregation and local community an opportunity to worship, learn, serve, and enjoy fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Reverend George Magazine, looks forward to celebrating its historic anniversary and continuing to welcome and serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Mount Zion Baptist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 200th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend George Magazine, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's congratulations and appreciation for the church's centuries of service to its members and the local community.

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