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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

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Commending Kempsville Baptist Church.

Patrons—Knight, Davis, DeSteph, Stolle, Taylor and Villanueva

WHEREAS, Kempsville Baptist Church will proudly celebrate 200 years of worship and service in the Virginia Beach area in 2014; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1814, Kempsville Baptist Church began when 14 individuals from London Bridge Baptist Church met at Moseley's Meetinghouse to organize a new church; the church was later accepted into the Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1826, Kempsville Baptist Church, in the rapidly growing section of Princess Anne County known as Kempsville, purchased the abandoned courthouse building; the building would serve as a place of worship for the next 85 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1911, Kempsville Baptist Church members moved into a newly erected wood-framed church as the congregation continued to grow in faith and numbers; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Kempsville Baptist Church dedicated a new building that marked the beginning of its ministry services and that continues to serve members today; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long history, Kempsville Baptist Church has been served by inspired leaders who have uplifted congregation members and encouraged outreach to the community; and

WHEREAS, today, Kempsville Baptist Church continues to serve the ever-changing community and looks forward to steadfastly fulfilling its mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kempsville Baptist Church on the occasion of its 200th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Kelly Burris, senior pastor of Kempsville Baptist Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the church's dedication to serving its members and the community.

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