

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

Commending the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2014

WHEREAS, in February 2014, the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists celebrated their 25th year of fellowship and worship; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists were founded in 1989 and are ably led by the Reverend Jennifer Ryu; the congregation, whose worship is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition, focuses on social justice ministries; and

WHEREAS, the origins of the national Unitarian Universalist Association date back to the country's early settlers; the current organization was formed in 1961, and today there are more than 1,000 self-governing congregations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists make a strong outreach effort to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered individuals; as a Welcoming Congregation, the Unitarian Universalists gladly open their church home to anyone wishing to share in fellowship and worship; and

WHEREAS, another social justice ministry that the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists engage in is the Green Sanctuary program, in which congregations and congregants work together to restore the Earth and embrace spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists congregation was certified a Green Sanctuary in 2012; church members receive advice about sustainable practices, including recycling, buying locally grown and produced food, and other areas of environmentally responsible living; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists have created a Multicultural Action Process program to promote racial justice and healing; also, the group's Share the Plate initiative provides financial support to local organizations each month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists hereby be commended on the occasion of its 25th 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 Jennifer Ryu, minister of the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for offering fellowship and worship to the people of Williamsburg and for its social justice ministries.

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