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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

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Commending Zion Hill Baptist Church.

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WHEREAS, Zion Hill Baptist Church in Victoria will dedicate and consecrate its newly reopened worship space on April 20, 2014, as its members celebrate 76 years of serving and uplifting the community; and

WHEREAS, the founders of Zion Hill Baptist Church first met at the home of Ellen Chappell; in 1938, the small group, which was most eager to establish a house of worship, received the deed to a plot of land in Lunenburg County, upon which the church now stands; and

WHEREAS, the first pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church was the Reverend William A. Campbell; his successors through the years were the Reverend John Wood, the Reverend S. A. Fierce, the Reverend Clarence Seay, the Reverend Joseph Day, the Reverend James Hawthorne, the Reverend Archie Wilkins, and the Reverend John Ragsdale; the current pastor is the Reverend Trava Hawkins, and all of them have served the church with effectiveness, wisdom, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Zion Hill Baptist Church has been blessed with many long-serving trustees, deacons, and officers; church members also have volunteered to be members of the usher board, sing in the choir, work with young people, teach Sunday school, serve as Sunday school superintendent, and fill many other vital positions; and

WHEREAS, in its nearly eight decades of existence, the members of Zion Hill Baptist Church have strived to make it a place of faith and a beam of light to all who worship there, and to serve the community with diligence, devotion, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, in August 2013, the church members found it necessary to start construction of a new worship space; the new building will officially be dedicated at a special service on April 20, 2014, and the new facility will help church members fulfill their ministry and mission to serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Zion Hill Baptist Church in Victoria hereby be commended on the occasion of the dedication and consecration of its newly reopened worship space, which will take place on April 20, 2014, and for celebrating 76 years of serving and uplifting the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Trava Hawkins, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church, as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for its many years of being a place of worship and ministering to the community and the Commonwealth.

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