

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 181

Commending Antioch Baptist Church.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 6, 2014

WHEREAS, in 2014, Antioch Baptist Church in Fairfax Station celebrates its 25th anniversary of providing worship, service, ministry, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the founding pastor of Antioch Baptist Church was John Q. Gibbs; he led a group of four people in prayerful reflection for one year before establishing the church; the first service was held on January 8, 1989, in a Salvation Army chapel in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, in addition to John Gibbs, the other founding members of Antioch Baptist Church were his wife, Deborah, his sister, Virginia Carter, and Bill and Kim Ryals, close friends of the Gibbsses; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Antioch Baptist Church is to love God and love others through worship, studying the word of God, volunteering to work in ministry, and reaching out to the world; and

WHEREAS, in the early years, the members of Antioch Baptist Church purchased land on Little Ox Road and built the church under the leadership of John Gibbs, who died in 1995; he left a rich legacy for the congregation to follow; and

WHEREAS, the current pastor of Antioch Baptist Church is Marshal L. Ausberry; he and his family joined the church in its first year, and during his tenure, the church has continued to thrive and offers many ministries and outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, Antioch Baptist Church, which is known for its warmth and welcoming atmosphere, has a strong domestic and overseas missions program; church members also work with the homeless, the sick, the elderly, and people who are in jail; and

WHEREAS, other active ministries include a program for newcomers as well as people who have lived in the area for many years; Antioch Baptist Church continues to work with children, youth, single adults, and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Antioch Baptist Church in Fairfax Station hereby be commended on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of providing worship, service, ministry, and outreach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marshal L. Ausberry, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for its service and ministries that help people in Fairfax County, the Commonwealth, and the world.

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