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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5218

Offered September 16, 2014

*Commending Gayton Baptist Church.*

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WHEREAS, Gayton Baptist Church traces its roots to 1987, when the Richmond Baptist Association considered the need for a new church in the far West End, and to 1988, when the association purchased the church property; and

WHEREAS, Derbyshire Baptist Church agreed to serve as the sponsoring church for Gayton Baptist Church, and in the fall of 1988, the Reverend Darryl Boggs was called to serve as the founding pastor; and

WHEREAS, Gayton Baptist Church held its first church service on April 9, 1989, in Gayton Elementary School with over 260 individuals in attendance; a building committee was later formed, and in the spring of 1992, a groundbreaking was held at 13501 North Gayton Road, where the church was constructed; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Gayton Baptist Church grew over time, adding a minister of youth, a minister of music, a director of the Agape Preschool, and other ministerial staff; in 2005, the church called Phil Faig as its senior pastor and has remained under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, the church continued to grow in membership and prosper as the center of outreach for the Gayton community and beyond and celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Gayton Baptist Church saw the need for an outreach center to better serve the local community, the Commonwealth, and its international partners; the ministry team further identified how an outreach center would enable the church to extend its mission goals; and

WHEREAS, a building committee was formed in 2011 and presented a plan for the church to construct an outreach center comprising 27,000 square feet of new space and 3,000 square feet of renovated space and containing a gymnasium, a full stage, a commercial kitchen, a children's play area known as the Tree House, the Pump House Café, and other small group meeting areas; and

WHEREAS, Gayton Baptist Church broke ground on construction of the Outreach Center on April 28, 2013, with its partners general contractor Taylor & Parrish, architect William Henry Harris, and lender Xenith Bank and with project manager Charles Bennett of CBRE Group; and

WHEREAS, Gayton Baptist Church proudly conducted the grand opening of the Outreach Center on September 14, 2014, officially opening the center for use by the community and announcing a partnership with the John Rolfe YMCA for use of the gymnasium facilities for youth sports leagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gayton Baptist Church for its service to the community, the Commonwealth, and mission fields throughout the world on the occasion of the grand opening of its Outreach Center; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gayton Baptist Church as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its commitment to serving and supporting those in need.

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