2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 571

Commending the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tall Cedars Ward.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tall Cedars Ward has made numerous contributions to Loudoun County through its humanitarian, interfaith, and community service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, established on February 28, 2010, the Tall Cedars Ward is one of the 12 Loudoun County wards or congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which has been an integral part of the community since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, with an original membership of 250 people, the Tall Cedars Ward has grown to become the largest congregation in Loudoun County with 530 people; the ward is currently building a new church in South Riding that will be only the second church in the Dulles South area; and

WHEREAS, members of the Tall Cedars Ward are encouraged to be actively involved in the affairs of their community and generously support community endeavors and have received many awards and accolades for their commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, members of the Tall Cedars Ward have volunteered their time and talents with Stop Hunger Now!, Seven Loaves Community Ministry, and Dulles Food Pantry; in 2014, members of the Tall Cedars Ward performed numerous service projects, including the Antietam Battlefield Service Project and the Sky Meadows State Park service project; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, members of the Tall Cedars Ward have participated with community members from other churches in the Love Your Neighbor Food Drive; in 2014, the Tall Cedars Ward worked with 23 other local churches to collect more than 88,000 pounds of food and nearly \$850 in donations; and

WHEREAS, the Tall Cedars Ward chartered Boy Scouts of America Troop 1174 and Cub Scout Pack 1174 and spearheaded food drives, clothing drives, and various service projects, including Eagle Scout projects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tall Cedars Ward hereby be commended for its humanitarian, interfaith, and community service initiatives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tall Cedars Ward as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the ward's commitment to serving the community and its members and the opening of a new chapel.