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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 221

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Commending Cliffview Church of God.

Patrons—Carrico and Stanley; Delegates: Campbell and O'Quinn

WHEREAS, in 2015, Cliffview Church of God celebrates 100 years of serving and uplifting the members of the Galax community through worship services, ministries, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, originally known as the Hickory Flat Church of God, Cliffview Church of God was established in 1915 in the Hickory Flat community of Carroll County as a branch of the international, Pentecostal Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend H. L. Trim served as the first pastor of Cliffview Church of God, and each of his 19 successors followed his example by leading and inspiring the members of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Cliffview Church of God remained at the same location on Fries Road, but received numerous enhancements thanks to the hard work and generosity of its members; and

WHEREAS, the current sanctuary of Cliffview Church of God was built by members of the church in 1974 under the direction of the Reverend Thomas L. Bird, who served as pastor between 1969 and 1988 and helped the congregation grow to several hundred members; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Reverend D. G. Fox from 1988 to 2001, Cliffview Church of God continued to grow in membership and maintained financial stability, allowing the church to build the Family Life Center for community functions; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Ron Hill joined Cliffview Church of God in 2002, and under his leadership, members of the congregation have adhered to the church's motto to be Laborers in God's Harvest Together and continued to enhance the community through various ministries and outreach programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cliffview Church of God on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ron Hill, pastor of Cliffview Church of God, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the church's long tradition of spiritual leadership and service to the Galax community.

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