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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 565

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Commending Ledbetter Christian Church.

Patron—Wright

WHEREAS, in 2016, Ledbetter Christian Church in Meherrin celebrated 100 years of joyful worship, spiritual guidance, and community service to the residents of Lunenburg County and Prince Edward County; and

WHEREAS, Ledbetter Christian Church was founded by 12 charter members in 1916; the congregation held services in the Ledbetter School until a modest building containing a sanctuary and two rooms was completed on donated land in October 1916; and

WHEREAS, the first pastor of Ledbetter Christian Church was the Reverend Daniel Myles Austin, who served from 1917 to 1931, when his son, the Reverend Myles McPhail Austin, was called to serve; and

WHEREAS, over of the course of the church's long and storied history, 21 pastors have provided leadership to the community and the congregation, including Ezra L. Dunnivant, a member of Ledbetter Christian Church who was ordained as a minister in 1950; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Ledbetter Christian Church completed an addition to better serve its congregation, adding Sunday school classrooms, restrooms, a fellowship hall, and a kitchen; the church continued to grow through the generous gifts of members, expanding the church cemetery, enlarging the fellowship hall, and adding a parking lot, a front porch, and a steeple; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 100-year history, the dedicated ministers, teachers, and leaders of Ledbetter Christian Church have been active members of the communities of Lunenburg County and Prince Edward County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing opportunities for worship and Sunday school classes each week, Ledbetter Christian Church has served the community by supporting local charitable organizations, foreign missions, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Kenny Hall, pastor of Ledbetter Christian Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the church's long legacy of spiritual leadership and service to the community.

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