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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 205

Offered February 5, 2018

*Commending Mount Calvary Baptist Church.*

Patrons—Freitas; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, the historic Mount Calvary Baptist Church has provided spiritual leadership, generous outreach, and opportunities for joyful worship in the Baptist tradition to the Orange County community for more than 125 years; and

WHEREAS, Mount Calvary Baptist Church is one of the oldest African American congregations in Orange County, and the sanctuary, completed in 1892, is a well-preserved example of a church built during the Jim Crow era; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its important place in the history of the region, Mount Calvary Baptist Church was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mount Calvary Baptist Church has benefited from the wise leadership of 15 pastors, including the current pastor, the Reverend Willie David Crenshaw, Jr., who has served the congregation for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Mount Calvary Baptist Church offers a wide range of ministries, including Women of Purpose, Men of Faith, and missionary programs, as well as youth, young adult, and singles ministries, among many others; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long history, Mount Calvary Baptist Church has maintained its commitment to teach the Bible, live by the words of Jesus Christ, inspire members of the congregation to achieve their fullest potential, and enhance the lives of all community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mount Calvary Baptist Church for more than 125 years of service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Willie David Crenshaw, Jr., pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the church's unique history and many contributions to the residents of Orange County.

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