HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

Commending Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church began as a mission sponsored by Immanuel Baptist Church and Colonial Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, what was originally known as Mount Pleasant Baptist Mission held its first meeting on October 15, 1964, and the first regular worship service on July 11, 1965; it was constituted as a self-governing church on July 14, 1968, and became known as Mount Pleasant Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for a permanent building on October 16, 1966, and it was ready for occupancy in 1967; several subsequent building campaigns took place throughout the years, including the completion of the present sanctuary in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, and the Petersburg Baptist Association, and it works in partnership with the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church has shared the gospel throughout the Colonial Heights community, the Commonwealth, and the United States, as well as with people on the distant continents of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Julian O. Yuille (1967 - 2000), the Reverend Dr. Jeff Ginn (2000 - 2008), the Reverend Curtis Barnes (2009 - 2014), and the Reverend Dr. Joey Anthony (2015 - present) have each filled the pulpit as lead pastor at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church fulfills its mission to "Meet people where they are and point them to Jesus"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Mount Pleasant Baptist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th 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 Dr. Joey Anthony, lead pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's long legacy of spiritual leadership and generous outreach.