

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145

Commending Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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

WHEREAS, for 150 years, Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church has provided spiritual leadership, generous outreach, and opportunities for uplifting worship to the residents of Isle of Wight County; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1868, Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church suffered the destruction by fire of its original building, along with many heirlooms and church records; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church found strength in their faith and persevered through difficult times, holding services in a local Elk's Lodge for many years, until a new church building was completed in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church has enjoyed a loyal congregation throughout its history, and there are currently between 75 and 100 active members; former members have gone on to become leaders in all walks of life, always carrying with them the spirit of fellowship learned at their home church; and

WHEREAS, Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church serves Isle of Wight County residents in many ways, such as operating a food pantry and funding scholarships for college tuition and textbooks for students; and

WHEREAS, Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church commemorated its 150th anniversary with a banquet and a special service in February 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brown's African Methodist Episcopal Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's long history of contributions to the Isle of Wight community.

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