

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

Commending Calvary Baptist Church.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2018

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Calvary Baptist Church has provided spiritual leadership, generous outreach, and opportunities for joyful worship in the Baptist tradition to the members of the Danville community; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church was established after a group of six people from Schoolfield Baptist Church and other local churches began meeting in Bradley's Store just south of Danville; the group officially organized their own church, Lookover Baptist Church, on September 1, 1918; and

WHEREAS, within one year, Lookover Baptist Church relocated to a house in Newtown (now Edgewood) and became Newton Baptist Church; after its first building was completed in the 1920s, the church was renamed as Calvary Baptist Church in 1927; and

WHEREAS, in the 1940s, Calvary Baptist Church purchased land on what is now Edgewood Drive in Danville to expand and better meet the needs of the growing congregation; the church continued to grow in membership for the next several decades and added strong Sunday school, Training Union, and Women's Missionary Union ministries; and

WHEREAS, since the 1960s, Calvary Baptist Church has placed a high emphasis on discipleship training and mission work; two members of the congregation, Tom and Mary Small, pioneered Southern Baptist missions in Zambia, and the church continues to make many contributions to communities in Zambia and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church has adapted to serve the changing Edgewood community over the years, maintaining its strong commitment to ministry and adding after-school programs to support and inspire young people; in 2001, the church completed a two-story multipurpose building that is used for community events; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Calvary Baptist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary in September 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Calvary Baptist Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's long history and legacy of contributions to the residents of Danville.

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