

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201

*Commending Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church has extended Christian fellowship, generous outreach, and opportunities for joyful worship to the Coeburn community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church was first organized as Rachel Chapel Church on June 17, 1917, by E. A. Reedy, W. J. Keith, and W. R. Bise with six charter members; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1940s, with the original church in need of repairs, Maxie Dotson Keith was inspired to support the congregation by holding fundraisers for a new building; her successful efforts resulted in a beautiful building that served the community for many years; to better support the growing congregation, Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church moved again to its current location in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church has many active ministries, including Sunday school, Bible study, and a women's auxiliary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Willie Stanley, pastor of Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's history and long legacy of service to the Coeburn community.

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