

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 88

Offered February 21, 2018

*Commending Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.*

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WHEREAS, for 150 years, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church has provided spiritual leadership, generous outreach, and opportunities for worship to the residents of Doswell; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church traces its roots to May 1868, when a group of former slaves freed by the Emancipation Proclamation began meeting in a brush harbor near the North Anna River; the majority of the congregation had previously attended Carmel Baptist Church in Caroline County; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church's first preacher was the Reverend William Brown; the congregation secured its present plot of land in 1876 and constructed its first church building the following year; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church continued to attract new members during the late 19th century; in 1907, it constructed a larger building to meet the needs of its growing congregation; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church's building was destroyed by a fire in 1954, but the congregation banded together and moved into its current structure just two years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church underwent a renovation that included the addition of a larger choir stand and a multipurpose room; the church parking lot was paved in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church has earned a reputation as the "Mother Church of Ministers" for having numerous members who went on to become prominent pastors; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church has been led by several respected pastors over the years, including the Reverend Stephens, the Reverend Rickman, the Reverend P. H. West, the Reverend Waverly E. Taylor, Jr., the Reverend Gordon Pleasants, the Reverend Walter L. Smith, the Reverend Dr. Edward E. Shambrey, Jr., and the Reverend Herman Trueheart; and

WHEREAS, the current pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church is the Reverend William Cordell Archer, who joined the church in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church has enriched the lives of its congregants and forged strong bonds with the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Mt. Carmel Baptist Church hereby be commended on its service to the residents of Doswell on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its impressive legacy of spiritual leadership in the Doswell community.

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