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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 832

Offered February 6, 2019

*Commending the Reverend Clifton Threat.*

Patrons—Tyler; Senator: Lucas

WHEREAS, the Reverend Clifton Threat has diligently served the congregation of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Emporia as pastor for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Threat has given tirelessly of his time through counseling, conducting meetings, and most of all preaching the word of God within and outside of the Oak Grove Baptist Church; during his tenure, the church completed a new edifice, tripling its capacity to house worshippers; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Threat's impressive intellect, sound judgment, and commitment to public service and the community are in great demand; his scope of leadership extends beyond the church to the City of Emporia and Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Threat has been an active leader in the community, serving as the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club and as an active member of the Democratic Party and the local NAACP; he represents District 1 on the Emporia City Council and serves as vice mayor for the City of Emporia; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Threat is a member of the Greenville Emporia Ministerial Association, the Shiloh Baptist Association, and the Sunday School Union, where he served as chair; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Threat has studied to show himself approved as a workman in God's vineyard; he is a graduate of Greenville County High School and received his associate degree from Commonwealth College of Hampton; advancing his call to the Gospel, he attended Eastern Carolina Christian College and Seminary of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, where he earned his Bachelor of Theology degree; he has served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Threat's loving spirit and faith in God has helped the Oak Grove Baptist Church congregation grow expeditiously, while reaching out to those who are unchurched and offering support and the love of Jesus Christ; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Reverend Clifton Threat for providing 10 years of spiritual leadership and outstanding service to the Oak Grove Baptist Church family; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Clifton Threat as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of contributions to his congregation and the Greenville County community.

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