## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119**

Commending the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia celebrates its 140th anniversary of service to the Baptist community, marking its growth to 72 churches engaged in evangelism, discipleship, ministry, worship, missions at home and abroad, and Christian education; and

WHEREAS, the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia was first established in 1879 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Bowling Green; and

WHEREAS, the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia helps churches serve local communities by providing women's and men's ministry opportunities, youth events, adult events, church and community ministries, and special projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia assists its member churches through foreign and local mission partnerships, disaster relief, and leadership and volunteer training; and

WHEREAS, the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia also supports education, fellowship, evangelism, and church leadership through workshops, Vacation Bible School, Christian education, retreats, praise and worship events, church counseling, pulpit support, ordination for clergy leaders, and pastoral search assistance; and

WHEREAS, to better serve the community, the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia has established partnerships with the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Children's Home of Virginia Baptists, the NAACP, National Baptist Association, USA, Virginia Union University, Virginia University of Lynchburg, and Richmond Virginia Seminary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia on the occasion of its 140th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Mattaponi Baptist Association of Virginia, as an expression of the Senate's admiration for the organization's long history of serving its members' spiritual needs.