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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 241

Offered February 17, 2020

*Commending Burke United Methodist Church.*

Patrons—Filler-Corn; Senator: Marsden

WHEREAS, Burke United Methodist Church of Fairfax County celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Burke United Methodist Church was initially founded in 1929 in one of the area's oldest structures, a former Southern Railway Train Station that was the site of a raid by Confederate General J. E. B. Stuart in 1862; and

WHEREAS, the former train station was fashioned into a church with a steeple and cross constructed by former schoolteacher and community handyman, Willie Harlow; and

WHEREAS, Burke United Methodist Church moved to a new location in 1979 and has continued to grow for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the congregation is currently led by Senior Pastor Jason Snow and Associate Pastor Katie Carson-Phillips, who inspire the members of Burke United Methodist Church with their insightful sermons; and

WHEREAS, in addition to weekly services, Burke United Methodist Church offers infant and preschool ministries, Sunday school, youth ministry, and small Bible study groups for adults, encouraging a life of faith and service; and

WHEREAS, the members of Burke United Methodist Church generously give their time and resources in service to others through activities such as Hot Lunch for the Homeless, Operation Food Bag, Rebuilding Together, and the Teddy Bear Brigade; and

WHEREAS, for nearly a century, Burke United Methodist Church has helped countless individuals to live a life of faith and serve their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Burke United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 90th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Burke United Methodist Church as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its service to Fairfax and the Commonwealth.

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