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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 294

Offered February 21, 2020

Commending The Heights Baptist Church.

Patrons—Cox, Coyner and Robinson; Senator: Chase

WHEREAS, for 100 years, The Heights Baptist Church has provided spiritual guidance, generous outreach, and opportunities for joyful worship to members of the Colonial Heights and Chesterfield County communities; and

WHEREAS, The Heights Baptist Church traces its roots to August 1919, when local residents began meeting for Sunday school, and on February 1, 2020, the Petersburg Baptist Association officially established Colonial Heights Baptist Church with the Reverend W.S. Leake as pastor; and

WHEREAS, Colonial Heights Baptist Church moved into its first permanent building, located on Chesterfield Avenue in Colonial Heights, in 1924; the building underwent expansions and renovations in 1955, 1962, and 1983, and construction on a new, state-of-the-art sanctuary was completed in 1994; and

WHEREAS, after purchasing 39 acres of land just three miles away in southern Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights Baptist Church opened a modern worship facility in May 2008; the church changed its name to The Heights Baptist Church in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Heights Baptist Church opened a second campus in Midlothian in 2013 to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, numerous servants of God have led The Heights Baptist Church as pastor, including the Reverend Terry L. Harper from November 1984 to December 2001 and the Reverend Dr. Randall T. Hahn from November 2002 to the present; and

WHEREAS, The Heights Baptist Church is a member of the Petersburg Baptist Association, the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, and the Southern Baptist Convention and works in partnership with the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Heights Baptist Church is "Building relationships that connect all people to a God-sized life and love"; the members of the congregation strive to share the Gospel with the Central Virginia community through the "Love 804" project, believing that "life is better connected"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Heights Baptist Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Dr. Randall T. Hahn, lead pastor of The Heights Baptist Church, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's long legacy of spiritual leadership and generous outreach.

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