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WHEREAS, Clifton Presbyterian Church, which has long offered sage spiritual leadership, generous outreach, and opportunities for uplifting worship to the residents of Clifton, celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 1870, H.C. Newman sent a petition signed by 24 persons to the Presbytery of the Potomac requesting that a church be organized in Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Presbyterian Church was officially established on May 8, 1870, as nine petitioners were presented certificates of membership; and

WHEREAS, since its beginning, Clifton Presbyterian Church has grown to offer a wide variety of unique ministries and outreach programs designed to support the members of the community and enhance the quality of life of all Clifton residents; and

WHEREAS, to honor its sesquicentennial anniversary, Clifton Presbyterian Church held monthly celebrations under the theme of "Fifteen Decades of Service and Gratitude," exploring different aspects of the church's history at each event; and

WHEREAS, members of Clifton Presbyterian Church have become leaders in their professions and the community, empowered and inspired by the lessons of grace and generosity learned at their home church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Clifton Presbyterian Church 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 Clifton Presbyterian Church as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the church's legacy of contributions to the Clifton community.