

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

INTRODUCED

21200513D

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 573

Offered February 23, 2021

Commending Aquia Episcopal Church.

Patrons—Mundon King, Adams, D.M., Ayala, Cole, J.G., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Hayes, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Kory, McQuinn, Reid and Simonds

WHEREAS, Aquia Episcopal Church, the oldest active church in Stafford County, has served members of the community through spiritual leadership, generous outreach programs, and opportunities for joyful worship for more than 350 years; and

WHEREAS, initially established in 1667 shortly after the creation of Stafford County, the current Aquia Episcopal Church building was constructed of brick and aquia stone between 1751 and 1757; and

WHEREAS, noted as the childhood church of founding father George Mason, Aquia Episcopal Church survived the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War to stand today as one of the finest examples of a colonial church interior in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Aquia Episcopal Church has an active congregation that has grown over the years to offer many unique ministries and outreach programs with an intent to enhance the quality of life of all Stafford County residents; and

WHEREAS, members of Aquia Episcopal Church have become leaders in their professions and the community, empowered by the lessons of grace and generosity learned at their church; and

WHEREAS, as both a welcoming home for spiritual worship and a shining example of colonial history and culture, Aquia Episcopal Church continues to greatly inspire and enlighten countless Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Aquia Episcopal Church hereby be commended for more than 350 years of spiritual leadership and service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of Aquia Episcopal Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's legacy of contributions to the Stafford County community.

INTRODUCED

HR573