## **2022 SESSION**

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175**

Commending Wilroy Baptist Church.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, for more than six decades, Wilroy Baptist Church has served the Suffolk community by providing spiritual leadership, opportunities for joyful worship in the Baptist tradition, and generous outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Wilroy Baptist Church was established on September 11, 1960, and has enriched the lives of generations of Suffolk residents; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the congregation of Wilroy Baptist Church has grown in faith and number and has benefited from the outstanding leadership of numerous pastors; the church is currently under the leadership of the Reverend Timothy Rawls as interim pastor; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Wilroy Baptist Church adjusted its ministries to continue meeting the needs of the community; the church offered outdoor worship services to allow for social distancing, established a food bank to support local families, and hosted vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Wilroy Baptist Church congregation continues to thrive and serve people in need in Suffolk and throughout the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Wilroy Baptist Church hereby be commended for its legacy of service to the Suffolk community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Wilroy Baptist Church as an expression House of Delegates' admiration for the church's contributions to spiritual life and community engagement in Suffolk.