

## 2022 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

*Commending First Baptist Church Mahan.*

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

WHEREAS, for more than 155 years, First Baptist Church Mahan has helped the residents of Suffolk grow in faith by providing opportunities for joyful worship in the Baptist tradition and generous community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church Mahan traces its roots to 1866 when a group of Suffolk residents banded together to form their own church community and held meetings at a house in the Cedar Hill Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in 1868, the circuit rider minister who led the group, Reverend Corprew, moved the church to a two-room brick house on what is now the corner of North Main Street and Mahan Street, that had notably served as an impromptu headquarters for George Washington during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church Mahan built its first church building in 1870 on land donated by Alfred Adkins on Back Street, now known as Church Street; and

WHEREAS, over the years, First Baptist Church Mahan has benefited from the leadership and guidance of 12 full-time pastors and its original circuit rider pastor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to holding regular worship services, First Baptist Church Mahan has served the community through partnerships with the American Red Cross, the Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk, Suffolk Public Schools, the Virginia Department of Health, the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, and various agencies of the City of Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, First Baptist Church Mahan further served the community by hosting vaccination clinics and other community service events to help those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That First Baptist Church Mahan hereby be commended on the occasion of its 155th anniversary in 2021; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to First Baptist Church Mahan as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's history and legacy of contributions to the Suffolk community.

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