

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Commending Union Belle Baptist Church.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Union Belle Baptist Church, which has provided spiritual guidance and opportunities for fellowship to members of the Falmouth community for generations, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Union Belle Baptist Church was formally organized on October 28, 1922, in a lodge hall located on what is now the driveway of the church; its initial members were Lucy Carter, Angie Ray, Mary White, Easter Washington, Grace Greer, Nannie Barnett, Maggie Griffin, Silas Ray, John Taylor, and Joseph Boxley; and

WHEREAS, the church structure and building of Union Belle Baptist Church was first erected by the Reverend George Ray, then pastored by the Reverend William T. Tyler from 1922 to 1927; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Peter Carter succeeded the Reverend Tyler in 1927 and went on to lead his faithful congregation for the next 27 years, contributing greatly to the development of Union Belle Baptist Church at an early stage in its history; and

WHEREAS, following the Reverend Carter, Union Belle Baptist Church has been led by 11 different ministers, each of whom have taken great care in the execution of their duties to inspire and edify their congregation and attend to the maintenance of the church's facilities; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2001, Union Belle Baptist Church elected its present pastor, the Reverend Clarence E. Mays, who has guided his congregation through a period of sustained growth and prosperity ever since; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Union Belle Baptist Church over the past 100 years are the result of the sagacity and dedication of its leaders, the faithfulness and support of its members, and the entire community's commitment to the church's vision and principles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Union Belle Baptist Church of Falmouth hereby be commended 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 Union Belle Baptist Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the congregation's rich history and its many contributions to the Commonwealth.

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