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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 794

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Commending Peach Grove Baptist Church on the occasion of its 120th anniversary.

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WHEREAS, Peach Grove Baptist Church was established by a dedicated group of Christians in 1886 on an idyllic site in a beautiful planting of peach trees on what is now Peach Grove Road in Louisa County; and

WHEREAS, Peach Grove Baptist Church has been served throughout its 120-year history by dedicated and able pastors, who have provided visionary leadership, devout worship, meaningful Christian education, and enthusiastic ministry and community missions; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1968, the church was tragically destroyed by fire and during the two years that the church was being rebuilt, the compassionate members of Bethel Baptist Church offered their branch Zion Church to be the temporary home of the Peach Grove congregation; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1970, the sanctuary of Peach Grove Baptist Church opened again for worship to its thankful members, friends, and neighbors in the community; and

WHEREAS, the faithful and hard-working members of Peach Grove Baptist Church have experienced many changes and additions to their church over the years, such as a new piano, choir gallery and choir room, dining facility, pastor's study, and beautiful glass entry doors; and

WHEREAS, some of the beloved pastors whose names grace the annals of Peach Grove Baptist Church include the Reverends Clayton Berkley, Benjamin Davis, Tom Johnson, Isaac Mickey, Phillip Murray, John O. Wright, Jim Morris, William Green, Isaiah Entzminger, Joseph Yancey, Arthur Washington, and Alonzo Hart, as well as the current pastor, the Reverend Sherman F. Hudson, Sr., who has served the church since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Peach Grove Baptist Church is especially proud of licensing three pastors into the ministry, the Reverends James Lewis, Will Wright, and John Wright; and

WHEREAS, through happy as well as difficult times, the congregation of Peach Grove Baptist Church has endured, grown in spirit, and inspired others to do so, and the church has provided the community with a special place in which to worship and to help others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Peach Grove Baptist Church on the occasion of its 120th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Peach Grove Baptist Church as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for a joyful celebration and future success in its ministry.

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