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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5242

Offered September 18, 2014

Commending Sedalia Baptist Church.

Patrons—Garrett; Senator: Newman

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Sedalia Baptist Church has served and uplifted the members of the Big Island and Bedford County communities through joyful worship services, outreach projects, and mission work; and

WHEREAS, Sedalia Baptist Church traces its earliest roots to 1910, and the church officially opened in 1914 with 24 charter members under its first pastor, J. P. Luck; the church's first services were Sunday school and Bible study; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1910s, Sedalia Baptist Church paid off its construction debts and conducted its first burial and marriage services; to better serve the growing community, the church installed electricity in 1930; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the mid-1940s, Sedalia Baptist Church conducted Vacation Bible School; the church completed several enhancements in the next decades, including construction of a two-story Sunday school building, a parsonage, a fellowship hall, and the Stone Cross Building, and renovated the sanctuary numerous times; and

WHEREAS, offering ministries and events for adults, teens, and children, Sedalia Baptist Church is an integral part of the Big Island community that works to ensure that all residents can find spiritual guidance and joyful fellowship among its more than 350-member congregation; and

WHEREAS, Sedalia Baptist Church will commemorate its 100th anniversary with a special Centennial Celebration service on October 5, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sedalia Baptist Church 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 the Reverend Mike Jones, pastor of Sedalia Baptist Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its strong spiritual leadership and contributions to the community.

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