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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

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Commending Bethel Baptist Church.

Patrons—Reeves; Delegate: Helsel

WHEREAS, in 2015, Bethel Baptist Church celebrated 175 years of generous outreach to the Yorktown community and joyful worship in the Baptist tradition; and

WHEREAS, established in 1840, Bethel Baptist Church was a stalwart witness to many historical events in York County; the church continued to grow throughout the years and welcomed a congregation of more than 700 members in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Baptist Church partners with thousands of other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia to spread the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Baptist Church offers members of its congregation opportunities to volunteer their time and talents in various ministry groups, including men's, women's, children's, senior's and the military ministries; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Baptist Church emphasizes the importance of education through its students and education ministry groups as well as through a weekday preschool program; and

WHEREAS, under the able leadership of the Reverend Doug Echols, Bethel Baptist Church is committed to biblical exposition and strives to inspire others to experience the joys of a relationship with Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2015, Bethel Baptist Church commemorated its 175th anniversary with a day-long celebration, featuring Bible fellowship, a worship service, special guests, a dinner, and a concert by the worship choir and orchestra; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bethel Baptist Church on the occasion of its 175th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Doug Echols, senior pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its long legacy of service to the Yorktown community.

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