

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 842

Offered January 27, 2017

*Commending Temple Baptist Church.*

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WHEREAS, in April 2017, Temple Baptist Church will celebrate 75 years of ministering to the spiritual needs of its members and the surrounding Newport News community; and

WHEREAS, Temple Baptist Church was established in 1942 by 34 charter members at a time when the country was at war and gasoline rationing imposed difficulties on those traveling to downtown churches to worship; and

WHEREAS, in July 1942, Temple Baptist Church held groundbreaking services for its first church building, and one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the first services were held in the new building on Harpersville Road; and

WHEREAS, Temple Baptist Church partners nationally with thousands of other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention and locally with the Peninsula Baptist Association, to spread the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, over the years Temple Baptist Church has benefited from the leadership of these pastors: Scott Hutton, Walter Martin, Robert Gray, David Goodroe, Thurman Hayes, David Simmons, Lynn Hardaway, and the current pastor, Weston Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the members of Temple Baptist Church recognize the importance of living in accordance with the Word of God by volunteering their time and talents in service to the Peninsula community in ministering to the homeless, members of the military, seniors, youth, and people of other ethnic groups; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Temple Baptist Church on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Weston Taylor, senior pastor of Temple Baptist Church, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the church's long legacy of service to the community.

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