

## 2017 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148

Offered February 15, 2017

*Commending Ebenezer Baptist Church.*

Patron—McDougle

WHEREAS, for 150 years, Ebenezer Baptist Church has provided spiritual leadership, generous outreach, and opportunities for joyful worship to the members of the Warsaw community; and

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Baptist Church was established by freedmen in 1867, led by Jeff Veney, who was formerly a member of the white Jerusalem Baptist Church in Emmerton; and

WHEREAS, the Ebenezer Baptist Church congregation held its first services outdoors under a brush arbor; though it is unknown when the first permanent sanctuary was constructed, the congregation has been fortunate to remain in that same building on Sharps Road in Warsaw; and

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Baptist Church has benefited from the able leadership of eight pastors over the years, and the church building has undergone many enhancements and renovations to accommodate better the growing congregation; and

WHEREAS, members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church have gone on to achieve success in a variety of career fields, served their country as members of the military, and become leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Ebenezer Baptist Church has provided consistent support for valuable community outreach efforts, missions, and education; and

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Baptist Church was an original member of the Northern Neck Baptist Association and has historically been very active with the Baptist General Convention of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Baptist Church will commemorate its 150th anniversary with a special service on July 9, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Ebenezer Baptist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Samuel Hackett, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for its legacy of service to the Warsaw community.

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