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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 520

Offered January 21, 2025

Commending First Lynnhaven Baptist Church.

Patrons—Feggans, Askew and McQuinn

WHEREAS, for 154 years, First Lynnhaven Baptist Church of Virginia Beach has provided its members with uplifting spiritual guidance, occasions for joyful worship, and opportunities for generous community outreach; and

WHEREAS, First Lynnhaven Baptist Church began as a bush tent near the Little Neck section of Virginia Beach and after several years ultimately settled at its present site on Robert Jackson Drive; and

WHEREAS, First Lynnhaven Baptist Church was initially led by the Reverend Jacob Gaskins and has since been directed by 11 other accomplished pastors, including its current pastor, the Reverend Dr. Luther S. Allen III, all of whom have provided sage counsel to the church's members while working tirelessly to ensure the church's prosperity and longevity; and

WHEREAS, First Lynnhaven Baptist Church has organized multiple ministries, educational endeavors, and charitable activities over the years to help its members grow in their faith and to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, First Lynnhaven Baptist Church has established First Lynnhaven Global, a virtual Facebook community, enabling the church to connect with ministry participants around the world; and

WHEREAS, over the past 154 years, First Lynnhaven Baptist Church has been a spiritual home for the many individuals who have sought solace and a greater sense of purpose within its walls; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That First Lynnhaven Baptist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 154th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to First Lynnhaven Baptist Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.