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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1019

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Referred to:

July 11, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF BETHESDA
2 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DURING THE CHURCH'S TWO HUNDRED
3 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, located in southern Moore County, North
5 Carolina, was instrumental in the development of the community and the only church to serve
6 the community for the first 100 years of its existence; and

7 Whereas, in 1756, the Synod of Philadelphia sent the Reverend James Campbell, a
8 Gaelic preacher, to serve the Highland Scots who had settled in the area of the lower Cape Fear
9 Basin, beginning a tradition of establishing different preaching points throughout the region;
10 and

11 Whereas, the first settlers gathered under brush arbors at the head of the Rockfish
12 Creek, and a regular community of worshippers was established; and

13 Whereas, in 1788, the first solid structure was built on property that had been
14 deeded to James Patterson by King George of England in 1766; and

15 Whereas, in 1832, a second building was built adjacent to the Pee Dee Road, a
16 major roadway for the area's commercial trade in the community now known as Blue's
17 Crossing; and

18 Whereas, in 1862, a third building was built on the same property, with a gallery for
19 slaves and separate entrances for men and women, even in the midst of the hardship and strife
20 of a Civil War; and

21 Whereas, in 1907, a fourth building was built in the town proper, by now renamed
22 Aberdeen, so that the worshippers could have access to electricity and be in a location more
23 centrally located to its parishioners; and

24 Whereas, in 1923, the members decided to institute the tradition of an annual
25 homecoming at the previous location in order to preserve the history and structure of the old
26 church building; and

27 Whereas, in 1972, a fifth building was built on U.S. Hwy 1, allowing the church to
28 continue serving the community in the best way possible; and

29 Whereas, in 2013, Bethesda Presbyterian Church has survived and served for 225
30 years and deserves recognition; Now, therefore,

31 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

32 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the founders of the Bethesda
33 Presbyterian Church for their dedication and contributions to the rich cultural heritage and
34 support of the community.



1 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives applauds the congregation of Bethesda
2 Presbyterian Church for their continuous service to the community and contributions to the
3 cultural and religious heritage of the State of North Carolina.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
5 to the Reverend Jonathan Wallace, Pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

6 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.