

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

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**Simple  
Resolution  
Adopted**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1019  
Adopted 7/15/13**

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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.