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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 969

Offered February 15, 2017

*Commending FAITH Social Services.*

Patrons—Boysko, Bagby, Bell, John J., Bulova, Carr, Filler-Corn, Heretick, Herring, Hester, Hope, James, Keam, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Lopez, McQuinn, Minchew, Murphy, Plum, Rasoul, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Toscano, Tyler, Ward and Watts; Senators: Ebbin, Favola, Howell and Wexton

WHEREAS, FAITH Social Services has been lifting people out of poverty and domestic abuse situations and putting them on a path toward self-sufficiency for almost 20 years; and

WHEREAS, started by an informal group of volunteers at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center, FAITH Social Services was formally established in October 1999; and

WHEREAS, the mission of FAITH Social Services is to empower people to be self-sufficient, to build strong and stable families, and to be a force of good in the community; and

WHEREAS, FAITH Social Services assists low-income individuals and families with emergency and temporary assistance following a traumatic event or time in their life; and

WHEREAS, FAITH Social Services offers many forms of assistance, including in the areas of housing, transportation, food, utilities, education, and child care; and

WHEREAS, FAITH Social Services believes in equal opportunity for all and serves all low-income people and victims of domestic abuse regardless of faith, ethnicity, or gender; and

WHEREAS, FAITH Social Services is led by a committed group of community activists and humanitarians seeking to make a major difference in the quality of life for many families; and

WHEREAS, the experienced, dedicated, and diverse staff of professionals at FAITH Social Services work to empower clients, as well as implement services that benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the community service work of FAITH Social Services over the past two decades is a shining example of the spirit and compassion of members of the greater Herndon community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend FAITH Social Services on its noble efforts to lift people out of poverty and domestic abuse situations and put them on a path toward self-sufficiency; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Tanveer Mirza, president and founding member of FAITH Social Services, and Ambreen Ahmed, executive director of FAITH Social Services, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's laudable contributions to a healthy and hopeful community.

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