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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 464

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending St. John's Episcopal Church

Patrons—Rasoul, Cole, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Simon and Ware; Senators: Edwards, Spruill and Wagner

WHEREAS, for more than 125 years, St. John's Episcopal Church has provided generous outreach to members of the community in need and opportunities for joyful worship at its historic church at the corner of Jefferson Street and Elm Avenue; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Episcopal Church traces its roots to 1850 at a time when Roanoke was still known as the village of Big Lick; when the population of the region soared after the arrival of the railroad, the growing congregation built a new 600-seat sanctuary in 1892; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Episcopal Church has grown to become the largest parish in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and the vibrant and ever-growing congregation has been a force for good in the community; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Episcopal Church hosts the Total Action for Progress Head Start and Community programs, both of which support low-income, at-risk young people; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Episcopal Church has partnered with many other nonprofit organizations, including Family Promise of Greater Roanoke, Temporary Relief of Unexpected Emergencies, and Kimoyo, a partnership with Kingdom Life Ministries to serve communities in Ghana; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Episcopal Church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991, and the church underwent extensive renovations in 2009 to ensure that the history and heritage of the church community is preserved for future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend St. John's Episcopal Church on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the construction of its historic church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to St. John's Episcopal Church as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the church's long history and legacy of spiritual leadership and outreach in the Roanoke community.

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