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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 964

Offered February 13, 2019

*Commending St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.*

Patrons—Price and Mullin; Senators: Locke and Mason

WHEREAS, in 2018, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Newport News celebrated the 30th anniversary of its Saturday Feeding Program; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church's Saturday Feeding Program was started after congregation member Doris Watson initiated a survey to determine how members of the church could best serve the hungry in their community; it was determined that a program was needed and should be financed by members of the church; and

WHEREAS, members of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church formed an Outreach Committee to gain financial support, to seek membership with the Foodbank, and to plan simple menus, analyzing costs to initially feed at least 50 people; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church's Saturday Feeding Program regularly serves between 80 and 125 people and is designed to not only feed those in need of a satisfying meal, but to provide a pleasant atmosphere where they can dine and be treated with kindness, respect, and dignity; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church members volunteer to prepare and serve meals, seat clients, and clean up; others have been responsible for planning menus and shopping; over the years, sextons have worked tirelessly setting up and taking down tables and chairs; various civic organizations, social clubs, and churches in the community have volunteered alongside college and high school students; and

WHEREAS, the Saturday Feeding Program continues to thrive in its 30th year and is primarily funded by members of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its Saturday Feeding Program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and to Doris Watson, founder of the Saturday Feeding Program, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the congregation's longstanding and consistent efforts to provide food and hospitality to those in need in the Newport News community.

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