HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4025

Commending Warrenton Church of Christ.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, in 2019, Warrenton Church of Christ celebrated the 50th anniversary of the construction of its first building; and

WHEREAS, Warrenton Church of Christ was established on January 23, 1966, with Tom Seals as its first minister; and

WHEREAS, the small congregation of Warrenton Church of Christ met in office spaces at the Peoples National Bank of Warrenton in the Northern Virginia Shopping Center; and

WHEREAS, Warrenton Church of Christ soon outgrew that space and moved across the parking lot into a vacant shoe store; and

WHEREAS, within a year, Warrenton Church of Christ also outgrew the store and needed a building of its own to best serve the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Lois Moore donated land in Warrenton Lakes for the Warrenton Church of Christ building, and bonds were sold to obtain funding for its construction; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, the new building was opened for use by the Warrenton Church of Christ congregation; worship services and Bible study were originally held in classrooms on the upper floor while the main auditorium was being completed; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Church of Christ building was dedicated on March 15, 1970, and has served as a refuge for the community of Fauquier County for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Koonce family, members of Warrenton Church of Christ, started a mission program in Rwanda in 1997 to help rebuild and strengthen the region after the Rwandan Civil War and genocide; and

WHEREAS, Warrenton Church of Christ is currently led by elders Bob Hoagland, Bill Powell, and Eddie Pérez; pulpit minister Bob Kolodner; and children's ministry coordinator Rebecca Lotane; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Warrenton Church of Christ hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Warrenton Church of Christ as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its service to the residents of Fauquier County.