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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 164

Offered January 23, 2020

Commending Old House Vineyards.

Patrons—Freitas; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, Old House Vineyards, a family-owned business in Culpeper, has provided opportunities to enjoy high-quality wines and spirits to both local residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Old House Vineyards traces its roots to 1998, when Patrick and Allyson Kearney began to transform an abandoned farmhouse on 75 acres of overgrown alfalfa fields into a weekend retreat; and

WHEREAS, the Kearney family relocated to the property in 2003 and has since expanded Old House Vineyards into a 163-acre farm that supports a winery, brewery, and distillery, with Patrick and Allyson's son Ryan Kearney as general manager; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of winemaker Christopher Harris, Old House Vineyards produces 11 wines, including red, white, rosé, sparkling, and dessert wines; the distillery, which opened in 2015, and the brewery, which opened in 2018, produce a host of other spirits and craft beer; and

WHEREAS, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Old House Vineyards has hosted numerous local events, and the restored farmhouse, which dates back to the 1800s, has provided a beautiful backdrop for everything from wine tastings to weddings; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Patrick Kearney used his background as a museum fabrication expert to create a unique experience for guests by decorating the distillery tasting room with World War II memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, Old House Vineyards has helped elevate Culpeper County and the Commonwealth as a renowned destination for wine connoisseurs from around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Old House Vineyards on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Old House Vineyards as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the vineyard's unique history and its contributions to the Commonwealth's thriving wine industry.

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