

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 307

*Commending the Armenian Food Festival.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019

WHEREAS, the Armenian Food Festival, held the third weekend of every September by the congregation of the St. James Armenian Church, celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the St. James Armenian Church in Richmond was founded in 1956; two years later the parish began the annual Armenian Food Festival, the oldest of its kind in the area; and

WHEREAS, each year, hungry attendees dine on traditional Armenian dishes cooked by the church's members, such as chicken and pork shish kebabs, lupia, pilaf, lahmejoon, pakhlava, and the famous hye burger; available only a few days a year, the Armenian Food Festival's highly sought after hye burger has been voted one of the best in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, along with the delicious food, attendees can enjoy fine Armenian beers and wines, live traditional music and dancing, tours of the St. James Armenian Church, and a gift shop; and

WHEREAS, one of the city's oldest cultural festivals, the Armenian Food Festival is an event the Richmond community eagerly awaits year after year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the congregation of the St. James Armenian Church hereby be commended for feeding and entertaining the community of Richmond for the past 60 years at their annual Armenian Food Festival; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the congregation of the St. James Armenian Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the positive impact the Armenian Food Festival has had on Richmond and the Commonwealth.

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