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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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Commending the Reverend Dr. Douglas Warren Kittredge.

Patrons—Cole, M.L. and Orrock; Senators: Reeves and Stuart

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Reverend Dr. Douglas Warren Kittredge completed his successful 44 years of ministry as senior pastor of New Life in Christ Church in Spotsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge provided spiritual leadership, joyful worship, and generous outreach to many in the community, especially during a time of significant regional growth; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge was called as the first pastor of New Life in Christ Church in 1975, when a group of Christians from different denominations joined together to express their love of Jesus Christ through the establishment of a church; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge led New Life in Christ Church to a number of worship locations over the first few years of ministry; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Pastor Kittredge oversaw the purchase of land for a new building in Spotsylvania County; the church began a capital campaign that raised more than \$400,000, and construction was completed in 1998 through the generosity of congregants and community members; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge contributed to the establishment of Bethany Christian Services, Fredericksburg Christian School, Covenant Christian Co-Op, and a radio station that serves Spotsylvania and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge began the New Life in Christ Church's Thanksgiving Day Ministry, which has distributed more than 10,000 Thanksgiving dinners to families in need, and supported the regular distribution of food boxes in the community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge supported the development of New Life in Christ's baseball league, which has provided Christian discipleship in a sports context for hundreds of children every year; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Pastor Kittredge led New Life in Christ Church to affiliate with the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America and has worked to build a network of sister churches throughout the United States and the world; in 2002, he started an extension campus of New Geneva Theological Seminary at New Life in Christ Church; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Pastor Kittredge led the congregation in a significant building project, adding a \$1.2 million expansion to the church's facilities; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge has led 44 mission conferences at New Life in Christ Church and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for mission work throughout the region and the world; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge led numerous mission trips to Israel and Palestine and helped establish the Jerusalem Gateway Partnership to promote gospel ministry in the Middle East and reconciliation efforts between Jews and Palestinians; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge facilitated numerous interfaith meetings that promoted better understanding and stronger relationships between Christians and Muslims; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Kittredge actively assisted in the establishment of other local churches including Evident Grace Fellowship and New Life Korean Church in Spotsylvania County, and Hope of Christ and New Life Community Church in Stafford County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Reverend Dr. Douglas Warren Kittredge for his service to Spotsylvania County on the occasion of his retirement as senior pastor of New Life in Christ Church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Dr. Douglas Warren Kittredge as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his spiritual leadership and legacy of contributions to the community.

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