

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 824

Offered July 18, 2024

Commending Vale United Methodist Church.

Patron—Keys-Gamarra

WHEREAS, Vale United Methodist Church in Oakton is an active congregation with mission activities that impact local and global communities; and

WHEREAS, Vale United Methodist Church was founded in 1894 and held its first meetings at the Vale Schoolhouse; and

WHEREAS, in November 1894, Thomas and John Clarke donated property to Vale United Methodist Church for a new church building, which was dedicated less than two years later, and the main sanctuary of the building is still in service today; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the congregation of Vale United Methodist Church has grown in both faith and number, with different generations of the same families worshipping in the beautiful and historic church; and

WHEREAS, Vale United Methodist Church is involved with many charitable organizations and missions, including FACETS, The Lamb Center, and Second Story; members of the congregation have also visited Guatemala to assist local women by teaching important skills to help them provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, locally, members of Vale United Methodist Church provide dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying at an emergency center in Vienna and make sandwiches and bagged meals for the Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston; the congregation raises money through annual Christmas tree sales to benefit Rise Against Hunger and other local hunger relief organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the congregation of Vale United Methodist Church achieved an incredible milestone, having provided more than one million meals to the growing population of local residents who are food insecure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Vale United Methodist Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 130th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Vale United Methodist Church as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the church's long history and legacy of contributions to the residents of Northern Virginia.

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