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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 844

Offered March 31, 2025

Commending Old House Vineyards.

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WHEREAS, Old House Vineyards, the first establishment to operate a winery, distillery, and brewery simultaneously in the Commonwealth, has served residents of and visitors to Culpeper County for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Old House Vineyards traces its roots to 1998, when Patrick and Allyson Kearney purchased an abandoned 75-acre alfalfa farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Kearney family renovated the farmhouse, which dates back to the 1800s, planted their first wine grapes in 1999, and bottled their first wine in 2001; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Old House Vineyards has expanded to 165 acres of grape vines and other crops; the Kearney family subsequently opened a distillery tasting room in 2015 and a beer brewery taproom in 2018, making it the first “trifecta” of a winery, distillery, and brewery in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in addition to offering an event space for weddings, Old House Vineyards operates Kearney's Irish Pub and a World War II Museum on the property, making it a truly unique experience; and

WHEREAS, Old House Vineyards has earned numerous awards and accolades and remains one of the Commonwealth's premier family-owned wineries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Old House Vineyards hereby be commended for its years of service to Culpeper County; 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 House of Delegates' admiration for its contributions to the Commonwealth's winemaking, craft spirits, and craft beer industries.

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