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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30
2 Offered January 14, 2026
3 Prefiled January 14, 20264 *Commending the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program.*

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6 WHEREAS, for 50 years, the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program has generously cared
7 for countless individuals and families throughout Montgomery County and the surrounding areas; and8 WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program (MCEAP) was founded in 1975 by
9 Father Harry Scott, who raised \$10,000 to start an organization that would address the most urgent needs of
10 individuals and families in the local community; and11 WHEREAS, from Father Harry Scott's vision, MCEAP has grown into a leading service organization in
12 the area, which today provides hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to help people with a variety of
13 needs, including paying their mortgages and utilities and securing food and clothing; and14 WHEREAS, through feeding programs, financial assistance, and other efforts, MCEAP serves as a vital
15 lifeline and source of stability for individuals and families in precarious circumstances, contributing
16 immeasurably to the health and well-being of the community; and17 WHEREAS, on April 26, 2025, MCEAP commemorated its 50th anniversary alongside several local
18 leaders, including the mayor of Christiansburg, Mike Barber, and the mayor of Blacksburg, Leslie Hager-
19 Smith, while raising funds for future programs through its "50 for 50 Years" campaign; and20 WHEREAS, MCEAP has transformed countless lives in Montgomery County over the past half-century,
21 making a positive and meaningful impact that will endure for generations to come; now, therefore, be it22 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
23 commend the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program on the occasion of its 50th anniversary;
24 and, be it25 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
26 the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program as an expression of the General Assembly's
27 admiration for the organization's legacy of service in Montgomery County.

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