## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 456**

Offered February 27, 2012

Commending Gleaning For The World.

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Patrons—Garrett, Byron and Fariss; Senators: Garrett and Newman

WHEREAS, in January 2012, Gleaning For The World, based in Concord, Virginia, surpassed \$500 million in humanitarian aid shipped to stricken regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Gleaning For The World supplied aid to 18 countries and 14 states; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Gleaning For The World distributed \$1 million in supplies for homeless veterans across the United States, one million pounds of food for the Central Virginia area, and 162 tractor-trailer loads of disaster supplies for all areas of disasters; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, Gleaning For The World has distributed over 2,500 loads of supplies throughout the world to assist communities affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, and other devastating events; and

WHEREAS, Gleaning For The World is one of only five top 200 United States charities that ensured 100 percent of donor contributions would go directly to helping people; and

WHEREAS, Gleaning For The World has done all this with integrity and with a strong commitment to stewardship while increasing their effectiveness in distributing supplies to people in need; and

WHEREAS, Gleaning For The World has been recognized for their integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness by *Forbes Magazine* for the second year in a row as the number one most efficient charity in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Gleaning For The World has earned the trust and utmost respect from their corporate partners, fellow nonprofits, volunteers, and financial supporters for their steadfast commitment to integrity, stewardship, and their passion for serving people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gleaning For The World for surpassing over \$500 million in shipped humanitarian aid to people in need around the world as well as for doing so with the highest level of integrity, efficiency, and care for humanity; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Ron Davidson, founder of Gleaning For The World, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for the charity's generous assistance to people in need around the globe and careful stewardship of the donations entrusted to them.