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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 372

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Commending LINK, Inc.

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WHEREAS, LINK, Inc., a nonprofit organization that serves the Ashburn, Herndon, and Sterling communities, has provided food and emergency assistance to those in need for many years; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of LINK, Inc., is to deliver nonperishable food to members of the community; LINK, Inc., maintains no office and operates entirely through donations and volunteers at one of the 12 member churches or seven affiliated churches in the area; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, LINK, Inc., served over 4,500 families by distributing over 350,000 pounds of food and providing almost \$90,000 in financial assistance, which included grocery store gift cards; and

WHEREAS, LINK, Inc., delivers food to approximately 80 families per month in the Ashburn, Herndon, and Sterling communities, and the organization made almost 900 deliveries in 2013; the organization also provides thousands of pounds of food at distribution centers throughout the Counties of Loudoun and Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, operating successful holiday programs in November and December of 2013, LINK, Inc., provided three to five days' worth of groceries to more than 7,500 individuals, distributed thousands of winter coats, mittens, and other items to over 400 families, and provided toys to over 2,000 children; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB), LINK, Inc., began the Mobile Food Pantry in 2012; as part of the program, the CAFB delivers surplus food to a LINK, Inc., member church and, in 2013, the program served over 2,000 families by distributing over 78,000 pounds of vegetables, fruits, and surplus food; and

WHEREAS, LINK, Inc., owes a great deal of its success to the many devoted volunteers who have selflessly given their time and talents to provide for the basic needs of their fellow community members and the generous support of local businesses, civic organizations, churches, and residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend LINK, Inc., for its outstanding service to the members of the Ashburn, Herndon, and Sterling communities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to LINK, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to helping those in need.

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