

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 359

*Commending Loudoun Hunger Relief.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2017

WHEREAS, Loudoun Hunger Relief of Leesburg has served as Loudoun County's primary food pantry for 25 years, providing assistance to the hungry and food insecure; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun Hunger Relief was founded in 1991 as Loudoun Interfaith Relief, a nonprofit organization, to coordinate and centralize food distribution services being offered by Loudoun area churches and to assist local social services agencies; and

WHEREAS, what began as a meager storefront operation with limited hours now is housed in two warehouses where perishable and nonperishable food is distributed to 50 to 80 families a day, six days a week; in the past fiscal year Loudoun Hunger Relief directly served more than 11,000 individuals and distributed over 1.2 million pounds of food; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun Hunger Relief has made a difference in thousands of lives through the generous support of volunteers, donors, and staff, all of whom are committed to helping feed the working poor, the unemployed, seniors, the disabled, and the homeless in a county where the population has quadrupled over the past quarter century; and

WHEREAS, in September 2016 Loudoun Hunger Relief celebrated its 25th anniversary by announcing a rebranding and expansion of services, including plans to bring food supplies directly to low-income neighborhoods and offer classes on nutrition and finance management; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Loudoun Hunger Relief hereby be commended for 25 years of service providing food assistance to the hungry and food insecure in the Loudoun community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carol Barbe and Jennifer Montgomery, Loudoun Hunger Relief's board president and executive director, respectively, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the food pantry's tireless efforts to address hunger in a rapidly growing community.

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