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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 389

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Commending the Pantry at South Lakes High School.

Patrons—Plum; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, the Pantry at South Lakes High School, a food pantry that serves numerous students and their families, was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2018 Best of Reston Award; and

WHEREAS, the Best of Reston awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to helping others and improving the lives of people throughout the greater Reston area; and

WHEREAS, operated in partnership with Cornerstones, Inc., and Opportunity Neighborhood Reston (RestON), the Pantry at South Lakes High School is an on-campus store where students in need can discreetly acquire free non-perishable foods, fresh vegetables, and personal hygiene items; and

WHEREAS, the South Lakes High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) opened the Pantry in March 2017 to help South Lakes' underprivileged students, many of whom do not have access to nutritional meals after they leave school on nights and weekends; and

WHEREAS, the Pantry at South Lakes High School allows students to anonymously fill out a shopping list during the school day; their food is then packed by volunteers and made available for pickup on Friday afternoons; and

WHEREAS, since its opening, the Pantry at South Lakes High School has become a vital resource for students and their families and has distributed over 20,000 items; demand for services was so high that organizers elected to keep the facility open during the summer; and

WHEREAS, a true community initiative, the Pantry at South Lakes High School is staffed by parents and local volunteers and is stocked by special education students from South Lakes High School's Work Awareness and Transition program; and

WHEREAS, the Pantry at South Lakes High School has received monetary support and food donations from community members and private businesses as well as churches, clubs, and sports teams; and

WHEREAS, the Pantry at South Lakes High School is a valuable resource for students and families and serves as a shining example of Reston residents' volunteer spirit and desire to create a healthy and harmonious community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Pantry at South Lakes High School for its efforts to help families in need and on its well-deserved honor as a 2018 Best of Reston Award recipient; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Pantry at South Lakes High School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the project's contributions to making Reston a special place to live, work, and play.

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