HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

Commending Adelle Settle.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2018

WHEREAS, Adelle Settle, a federal attorney and a mother in Gainesville, established the Settle the Debt campaign to collect donations in support of Prince William County families with unpaid school meal debts; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, after Prince William County Public Schools accrued more than \$300,000 in unpaid school lunch debt by providing lunches regardless of each student's ability to pay, Adelle Settle rallied community members to raise more than \$40,000 to support local families; and

WHEREAS, Adelle Settle's Settle the Debt campaign prevented families' bills from being sent to collections agencies and helped limit instances of lunch-shaming, when children are denied meals due to unpaid debts; and

WHEREAS, Adelle Settle continues to find new ways to support the Prince William County community and ensure that all children have equal access to the nutritious meals they need to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, through her selfless commitment to civic engagement and unconditional kindness, Adelle Settle has helped hundreds of children and their families in Prince William County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Adelle Settle hereby be commended for her Settle the Debt campaign and ongoing efforts to help students in Prince William County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Adelle Settle as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her generosity and leadership.