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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 699**

Offered January 10, 2019

*Commending Shreyaa Venkat.*

Patrons—Reid and Delaney; Senators: Boysko and Favola

WHEREAS, Shreyaa Venkat, a student at Broad Run High School in Ashburn, was awarded the Loudoun Human Services Network Outstanding Youth Volunteer award on October 19, 2018, for her positive impact on Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, Shreyaa Venkat was recognized for logging more than 250 volunteer hours and for creating an organization called Newer Environment Starts Today (NEST) to help the homeless through distributing freshly cooked meals and care packages to homeless shelters; the award recognizes that in three years, NEST has grown to include 150 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Shreyaa Venkat's endeavor meets the Loudoun Human Services Network's mission as a coalition of nonprofits advocating and collaborating to ensure access to human services for Loudoun residents, serving as a collective voice for its members, and seeking to provide a comprehensive system of care, resources, and benefits for Loudoun residents in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, Shreyaa Venkat is an active and engaged eleventh-grade student at Broad Run High School, a forward on the Broad Run High School girls' junior varsity soccer team, and the member-led event coordinator of the Broad Run High School Key Club; and

WHEREAS, Shreyaa Venkat involves family and friends in her NEST volunteer endeavor to share love and care with those who do not get that affection and think they are alone in the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Shreyaa Venkat for receiving the Loudoun Human Services Network Outstanding Youth Volunteer award for her positive impact on Loudoun County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shreyaa Venkat as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her selfless contributions to the homeless.

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