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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 350

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*Commending the Williamsburg House of Mercy.*

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WHEREAS, the Williamsburg House of Mercy, a nonprofit organization providing services to the homeless in the Historic Triangle region, has had an outsized positive impact on its community; and

WHEREAS, by providing emergency housing assistance, Williamsburg House of Mercy helps hundreds of Williamsburg residents find stability in their lives when they need it most; last fiscal year alone, Williamsburg House of Mercy provided 1,068 nights of emergency shelter for 113 people, putting many on the path out of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on most days, the Williamsburg House of Mercy feeds at least 20 people at its Harbor Day Shelter, assists five to seven people with consultations, and provides another dozen individuals with pantry food items and necessities, like diapers; and

WHEREAS, through its homeless prevention services, Williamsburg House of Mercy coordinates with local churches and social services departments to prevent evictions and foreclosures that are often the result of health emergencies or other personal crises in people's lives; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg House of Mercy benefits from its partnership with 30 local faith and community groups that provide financial support for the organization's efforts and assist with its caseload; and

WHEREAS, by providing quality compassionate care and services to its community's most vulnerable members, Williamsburg House of Mercy exemplifies the convivial spirit that makes Williamsburg a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Williamsburg House of Mercy for its service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shannon Woloszynowski, executive director of the Williamsburg House of Mercy, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for the organization's mission and best wishes for its continued success in fighting homelessness.

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