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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 395

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Commending Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc.

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WHEREAS, Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc., a Leesburg-based service organization dedicated to supporting adults with disabilities, celebrates its 45th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1975, Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc., better known as ECHO, began by providing vocational training and other services to help adults with disabilities secure employment and interact productively and positively with their communities; and

WHEREAS, today, close to 200 participants benefit from ECHO's services, receiving day support, medically intensive day support, job placement assistance, group and individual supported employment, and transportation to help them build successful, fulfilling careers; and

WHEREAS, ECHO's many community partners enable its group-supported employment programs, while ECHO's participants offer quality business services and contribute to a diverse and compassionate workplace culture; and

WHEREAS, by helping its participants become and stay gainfully employed, ECHO fosters the self-esteem and dignity of adults living with disabilities while helping them to be productive members of society and to support their families financially; and

WHEREAS, ECHO contributes greatly to the well-being of countless families and the community by creating a supportive, welcoming environment for hundreds of adults with needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc., an organization in Leesburg that helps adults with disabilities build meaningful, lifelong careers, on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Paul Donohue, chief executive officer of Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's benevolent mission and its remarkable success.

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