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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 442

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending the Dulles South Food Pantry.

Patrons—Subramanyam; Senator: Bell

WHEREAS, the Dulles South Food Pantry, a charitable organization in southern Loudoun County dedicated to alleviating hunger, has had a profound and positive impact on its community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2014, the Dulles South Food Pantry works by collecting food donations and distributing them to families and individuals in need; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone, the Dulles South Food Pantry distributed 284,450 pounds of milk, eggs, meat, bread, baked and dry goods, and produce, serving 1,889 individuals; and

WHEREAS, to ensure children in need have adequate food during the weekend when meal assistance through their schools is unavailable, the Dulles South Food Pantry initiated the Backpack Buddies program, providing nearly 40,000 meals to children at 18 different area schools in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers, which assists in-home elderly or disabled clients, the Dulles South Food Pantry has been able to reach and serve this vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, the Dulles South Food Pantry has established a self-sufficiency coordinator to help guests acquire essential items and services, such as clothing, jobs, English as a second or other language training, Medicaid coverage, and more, by connecting them with the community resources available to them; and

WHEREAS, the Dulles South Food Pantry's accomplishments are made possible by the tireless efforts of its volunteers and the abundant generosity of its donors; in 2019, 781 volunteers served more than 9,000 hours to receive and distribute more than 284,000 pounds of food, including 19,000 pounds from the organization's food recovery program initiated at area schools; and

WHEREAS, with the tagline of "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors," the Dulles South Food Pantry embodies the convivial and compassionate spirit that makes Loudoun County a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Dulles South Food Pantry, a multi-faith food pantry serving Loudoun County, for its support of countless families; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Dulles South Food Pantry as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's mission and best wishes for its continued success.

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