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Offered August 25, 2020 Commending 100WomenStrong.

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WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, 100WomenStrong has provided multiple rounds of relief funding for organizations that serve and support the members of the Loudoun County community; and

WHEREAS, established in 2008, 100WomenStrong works to enhance the quality of life in Loudoun County by investing in and supporting organizations and programs that address community needs related to shelter, health care, hunger, and education; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 100WomenStrong has disbursed more than \$300,000 in grants to 31 nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, through its \$25,000 grant to the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties' Community Emergency Relief Fund, 100WomenStrong helped more than 277 families, nearly half of whom with incomes below the federal poverty line, receive rental assistance funds; and

WHEREAS, with an equal grant to the Loudoun Education Foundation's Mental Health and Wellness initiative, 100WomenStrong supported a software program to help train teachers at Loudoun County Public Schools to identify and address signs of emotional distress, anxiety, and depression in students; and

WHEREAS, 100WomenStrong also donated \$50,000 to create the Pay it Forward loan program, which has generated more than \$80,000 in additional donations, and \$25,000 worth of personal protective equipment to first responders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That 100WomenStrong hereby be commended for its generous donations to local organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Schaufeld, president of 100WomenStrong, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its unwavering commitment to community service and philanthropy.