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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 289

Offered February 2, 2021

Commending the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley.

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WHEREAS, the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, a nonprofit organization that has supported residents of the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, and Shenandoah and the City of Winchester since 1946, has provided vital resources to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley was tasked by Frederick County and the City of Winchester with distributing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) assistance to residents of the respective localities; and

WHEREAS, the \$300,000 from Frederick County and \$400,000 from the City of Winchester made possible through the CARES Act has enabled the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley to help local residents unable to make timely bill payments due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Assistance Network, a nonprofit agency within the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, has handled the responsibility of reviewing applications for CARES Act assistance and issuing payments to those in need; and

WHEREAS, recently established to support local families and individuals who are asset limited, income constrained, and unemployed, the Valley Assistance Network had the infrastructure in place to quickly disburse much-needed funds to applicants; and

WHEREAS, in addition to implementing CARES Act funding on behalf of Frederick County and the City of Winchester, the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley is supporting the community through its Connect NSV program, which offers myriad services to those seeking addiction counseling, mental health treatment, financial assistance, jobs, and more; and

WHEREAS, through the extraordinary and tireless efforts of its staff and volunteers, the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley and the Valley Assistance Network have helped local residents avoid evictions and utility disconnections and stay financially afloat during these unprecedented times; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley hereby be commended for its exemplary efforts to serve the communities of Frederick County and the City of Winchester 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 Jay Rudolph, board chair of the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, as an expression of the House of Delegates' high esteem and admiration for the organization's notable contributions to the Commonwealth.

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