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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 753

Offered February 2, 2021

3 *Commending Katie Gaylord.*

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5 WHEREAS, Katie Gaylord, a school counselor at Waller Mill Elementary School in Williamsburg,
7 created a fundraising campaign in 2020 that sold "Virginia is for Kindness" t-shirts to benefit the
8 Virginia Peninsula Foodbank; and

9 WHEREAS, teaming up with the company Custom Ink, Katie Gaylord and her colleagues have
10 raised thousands of dollars for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank with the sale of their "Virginia is for
11 Kindness" apparel; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the classic tagline "Virginia is for Lovers," Katie Gaylord's "Virginia is for
 Kindness" campaign gives citizens of the Commonwealth a fun and meaningful way to celebrate their
 community and support a worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been strained by the COVID-19 pandemic and the
"Virginia is for Kindness" fundraising campaign has provided vital support at a time of urgent need; and
WHEREAS, the back of the "Virginia is for Kindness" shirts reads, "Faith over Fear," a stirring

18 message that speaks to the resiliency of the Commonwealth and its citizens during this historic public
 19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Katie Gaylord's tireless and creative efforts to support the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank
 are an inspiration to all Virginians and a reminder of why the Commonwealth is 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 Katie Gaylord, visionary behind the "Virginia is for Kindness" fundraising campaign, for her
 extraordinary support of the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank; and, be it

26 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
 27 for presentation to Katie Gaylord as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her
 28 accomplishments and her service to her community.