HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 154

Commending the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2022

WHEREAS, the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry has worked diligently to raise awareness of food insecurity in the Prince William County community and provide food and other resources to families in need; and

WHEREAS, the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry is a nonprofit organization staffed entirely by volunteers that provides food assistance to the residents of Haymarket, Gainesville, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, originally established in 2005 as a food closet in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry has grown to serve thousands of individuals through the support of St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Mission, Park Valley Church, and Gainesville United Methodist Church, as well as the Town of Haymarket; and

WHEREAS, Haymarket Regional Food Pantry strives to ensure that all local residents have access to a sufficient amount of nutritious food and offers food assistance to anyone in need, regardless of financial status; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Haymarket Regional Food Pantry served nearly 1,700 clients each month and distributed a total of 220,000 pounds of food; in addition to distributing boxed and canned food items, the organization has developed partnerships with local farmers to offer fresh produce; and

WHEREAS, Haymarket Regional Food Pantry has fulfilled its critical mission through the hard work of its volunteer staff members and impactful donations from individuals, businesses, and other service organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry hereby be commended for its work to address food insecurity in Prince William County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its community leadership and generosity to those in need.