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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 418

Offered February 21, 2019

*Commending Britepaths.*

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WHEREAS, in 2019, Britepaths celebrates its 35th anniversary of serving working families in the Fairfax County area; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1984 as Our Daily Bread, Britepaths aims to stabilize, build resilience within, and offer seasonal supports to the Fairfax County area with short-term safety-net services that empower neighbors in need to work toward long-term self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Britepaths is a dedicated leader in developing sustainable solutions, meeting the challenges experienced by low-income working families through emergency assistance, financial literacy programs, and one-on-one mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Britepaths began in 1984 as a temporary homeless shelter that rotated among several congregations in the region; when Fairfax County opened a shelter in Reston, efforts shifted to feeding the homeless and opening a soup kitchen, Our Daily Bread, staffed by volunteers; and

WHEREAS, with a present-day focus on working families who are not homeless but in danger of "falling through the cracks," Britepaths has continued to refine and expand its program offerings to respond to this urgent need by providing stability services, emergency and short-term food assistance, and financial assistance grants; the BRIDGE Program brings together all of these services plus career and educational guidance; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Britepaths entered a partnership with the United Way of the National Capital Area and Fairfax County to administer the Financial Empowerment Center at South County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Britepaths hereby be commended on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Britepaths as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the social service organization's legacy of impactful work uplifting Fairfax County residents.

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