## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 435**

Commending Prince William Food Rescue.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2020 Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2020

WHEREAS, Prince William Food Rescue, a local initiative that focuses on food insecurity and reducing food waste, has rescued its 200,000th pound of food, the equivalent of nearly 101,000 meals, in its first year; and

WHEREAS, Prince William Food Rescue, a program of the nonprofit Action in Community Through Service of Prince William County, connects donations and delivers them to centers that distribute meals to families based on need; it currently provides food to over 600 families every month; and

WHEREAS, Prince William Food Rescue took only six months from its inception in August 2019 to surpass its first-year goal and is gaining more donor locations to support its mission to reduce hunger and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Prince William Food Rescue's goal is to reduce food waste, food insecurity, and greenhouse gas emissions in the community; it has had major success in achieving its goals thus far; and

WHEREAS, the members and volunteers of Prince William Food Rescue have showcased their exceptional team skills by collaborating with different donors, distributors, and volunteers, and since its inception, it has changed the food insecurity landscape in Prince William County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Prince William Food Rescue on the occasion of its 200,000th pound of food rescued in its first year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Aaron Tolson, director of development for Prince William Food Rescue, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's service to the community.