HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 464

Commending Loudoun Hunger Relief.

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

WHEREAS, Loudoun Hunger Relief, a grocery aid organization dedicated to ensuring everyone has access to healthy, nutritious food, has had a powerful impact on the community for many years; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1991, Loudoun Hunger Relief supports Loudoun County residents in need of food assistance, primarily working families; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2019, Loudoun Hunger Relief served nearly 8,000 Loudoun residents, nearly half of whom were children under the age of 18, while 13 percent were senior adults; and

WHEREAS, serving as a produce distribution hub to several other charitable food service organizations in the area, Loudoun Hunger Relief distributed 1.6 million pounds of food in fiscal year 2019, including 450,000 pounds of fresh produce; and

WHEREAS, by supporting clinics, smaller pantries, and county agencies, as well as the thousands of individuals who visit its own pantry, Loudoun Hunger Relief serves as the primary source for emergency grocery aid in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, Loudoun Hunger Relief has operated its Mobile Market vehicle to improve access for residents living in Sterling who depend on public transportation or who are otherwise unable to easily visit its Leesburg location; the organization has plans to expand this service in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the organization's accomplishments, Jennifer Montgomery, executive director of Loudoun Hunger Relief, received the Nonprofit Executive Leadership Award from the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce in 2020; and

WHEREAS, by serving its neighbors in need with nutritious food, education, and community partnerships, Loudoun Hunger Relief makes an invaluable contribution to Loudoun County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Loudoun Hunger Relief, a food aid organization operating in Leesburg and Sterling, for its many years of service to the Loudoun community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jennifer Montgomery, executive director of Loudoun Hunger Relief, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for the organization's mission and best wishes for its continued success.