

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 491

*Commending Loudoun Youth, Inc.*

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

WHEREAS, for 15 years, Loudoun Youth, Inc., has empowered young people in Loudoun County to develop leadership skills and take active roles in serving the community; and

WHEREAS, established in 2005, Loudoun Youth, Inc., serves hundreds of young people through its core programs and has developed important partnerships with the Loudoun County Parks Recreation and Community Services, the Loudoun County Public Schools, the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, the Loudoun Human Services Network, and the Loudoun County Juvenile Justice Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, among its major programs, Loudoun Youth, Inc., operates the Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition, where middle school and high school students create a plan to address an issue in their communities, and the Loudoun Youth Leadership Program, which helps young people build good character and strong leadership during a week-long summer camp; and

WHEREAS, through the Claude Moore Community Builders program, Loudoun Youth, Inc., provides leadership training and instills a sense of civic engagement in young people through opportunities for volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun Youth, Inc., sponsors Battle of the Bands events and organized the Youth Advisory Council, which consists of representatives from public and private schools throughout the county as well as homeschooled students; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun Youth, Inc., was instrumental in the development of Youth Net, a multiagency initiative to better understand the issues affecting young people in Loudoun County and plan effective support strategies; and

WHEREAS, young people that have participated in programs organized by Loudoun Youth, Inc., have gained confidence in their abilities, developed knowledge and career skills, and enhanced their understanding of the Loudoun County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Loudoun Youth, Inc., on the occasion of its 15th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Loudoun Youth, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's achievements on behalf of young people in Loudoun County.

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