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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 506

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Tree of Life Ministries.

Patrons—LaRock, Subramanyam, Delaney, Gooditis and Samirah

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Ministries, a Christian, faith-based nonprofit, has served the community admirably for many years; and

WHEREAS, established in 2008, Tree of Life Ministries serves others by providing food, life skills, shelter, health care, and relief to those in greatest need; and

WHEREAS, through its holistic approach, Tree of Life Ministries offers individuals and families the opportunity to lift themselves out of difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, over the past 12 years, Tree of Life Ministries has cumulatively reached 70,000 individuals and expects to impact another 20,000 lives in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Ministries' accomplishments are made possible by 730 trained volunteers and 34 churches in the Commonwealth, with support reaching three regions through 31 active ministries; and

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Ministries' food branch serves 12,000 annually through a food pantry that is the largest in western Loudoun County, along with other ministries including a home delivery service, community kitchen, and community garden; and

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Ministries' life skills training programs assist more than 1,600 individuals annually in the areas of finance, career networking, and English, helping these individuals be successful and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, shelter provided by Tree of Life Ministries assists more than 1,600 women and children annually; along with clothing and furniture giveaways and a mentoring program, these services have helped many of these individuals achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Ministries serves approximately 100 individuals yearly with vouchers for dental, health, and eye care, while providing wellness coaching to encourage healthy, active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Ministries impacts the community through its relief efforts in the form of financial assistance; elderly care; special needs care; and Christmas clothing, food, and toy drives; and

WHEREAS, Tree of Life Ministries aims to continue to expand its services to the community through housing for elderly and disabled adults, ventures in new regions, and a local retail enterprise that will provide employment opportunities for disabled and elderly adults; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tree of Life Ministries for its commitment to supporting members of the community in need; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tree of Life Ministries as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's mission and best wishes for its continued success.

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