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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 365

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Commending LoudounGo.

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WHEREAS, LoudounGo, a distribution hub for local farm wineries, farm breweries, farmers, food vendors, and retail business owners in Loudoun County and throughout the Commonwealth, debuted at ChefScape in the Village at Leesburg in 2020; and

WHEREAS, LoudounGo is a company that enables consumers to purchase items from local farmers and food vendors outside of the traditional farmers market model by coordinating purchases between vendors and consumers; and

WHEREAS, Luke Baldwin and Jack Clark, founders of LoudounGo, partnered with Chariots for Hire owner Courtney West to realize their vision for an online and physical marketplace that would connect consumers with local farmers and food vendors; and

WHEREAS, ChefScape, a commercial shared kitchen and food business incubator in Leesburg, has provided an ideal location for LoudounGo to develop its concept and thrive; and

WHEREAS, LoudounGo delivers orders within a 100-mile radius of its operations, making it more convenient and feasible for consumers to buy the bulk of their groceries from local farmers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to farms and food vendors, LoudounGo also enables customers to purchase products from the Commonwealth's exceptional wineries, breweries, and distilleries, contributing greatly to this burgeoning industry; and

WHEREAS, LoudounGo's impact in the community goes beyond its retail operations, as it has partnered with JK Community Farm in Round Hill to make it easier for its farmers and food vendors to distribute surplus produce and products to food pantries in the region; and

WHEREAS, LoudounGo offers a unique and compelling service to customers, while also driving business toward numerous local vendors and companies, exemplifying the innovative and collaborative spirit that is at the core of the Commonwealth's communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend LoudounGo, a local food distribution hub, for its ambitions to help Virginians eat well and thrive; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Luke Baldwin, founder of LoudounGo, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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