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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 553

Offered February 25, 2021

Commending School Nutrition Services, Planning Services, and the Transportation Division of Loudoun County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, School Nutrition Services, Planning Services, and the Transportation Division of Loudoun County Public Schools have admirably served the community by distributing meals to students during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, School Nutrition Services, Planning Services, and the Transportation Division of Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) resolved to ensure that no student would face food insecurity at home as a result of the school system's transition to distance learning; and

WHEREAS, between March 2020 and January 2021, School Nutrition Services of LCPS prepared approximately 5 million breakfasts and lunches, as well as hundreds of thousands of dinners and snacks, to feed students and children across the district; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program, LCPS School Nutrition Services was able to provide free breakfasts and lunches to children at numerous locations throughout the county from July 2020 to the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, LCPS School Nutrition Services has offered daily walk-up services at nearly all of the public schools in Loudoun County, while the LCPS Transportation Division has delivered meals along routes spanning hundreds of miles, ensuring that all students in the district have easy access to healthy and nourishing food; and

WHEREAS, LCPS Planning Services produced an interactive map of the community to locate optimal meal delivery sites, enabling LCPS food distribution plans to be carried out effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of School Nutrition Services, Planning Services, and the Transportation Division of LCPS are the result of hard work and a steadfast dedication to the health and well-being of Loudoun County's children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That School Nutrition Services, Planning Services, and the Transportation Division of Loudoun County Public Schools hereby be commended for supporting the distribution of meals to children of Loudoun County during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to representatives of School Nutrition Services, Planning Services, and the Transportation Division of Loudoun County Public Schools as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for their inspirational contributions to the Commonwealth.