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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 104

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Commending Lynchburg Daily Bread, Inc.

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WHEREAS, Lynchburg Daily Bread, Inc., a nonprofit organization nobly serving the Greater Lynchburg community by providing those in need with hot and nutritious meals, free of charge, 365 days of the year, celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1982 by the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Lynchburg Daily Bread has since become an independent 501(c)(3) organization to carry out its mission; and

WHEREAS, located initially at the historic Nichol's Tavern in downtown Lynchburg, Lynchburg Daily Bread moved in 1983 to a building on Park Avenue owned by the Salvation Army and six years later took up permanent residence at the former Knights of Columbus building at Eighth and Clay Streets; and

WHEREAS, Lynchburg Daily Bread continues to operate out of its commercial kitchen in downtown Lynchburg and since 2013 has also regularly distributed food at several outreach sites throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Lynchburg Daily Bread served 115,478 meals in 2020 and 133,259 meals in 2021, the most for a given year in the organization's history, and is currently serving more than 12,000 meals per month; and

WHEREAS, Lynchburg Daily Bread is supported by the tireless and compassionate efforts of its volunteers, who collectively donate approximately 10,000 hours to the organization every year; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Lynchburg Daily Bread are made possible through the generous donations it receives from local grocery stores, colleges, and restaurants, which account for nearly the entirety of the approximately 800 pounds of food the organization serves each day; and

WHEREAS, Lynchburg Daily Bread has benefited from major renovations over the years that were funded by its community partners, including Columbia Gas of Virginia, Southern Air, the Lynchburg Rotary Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church of Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, Lynchburg Daily Bread has remained open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, adapting to the unprecedented challenges by serving "to-go" meals to minimize contact and keep its servers and patrons safe; and

WHEREAS, by providing a reliable lifeline to vulnerable members of the Greater Lynchburg community, Lynchburg Daily Bread has embodied the values and ideals that citizens of the Commonwealth hold most dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lynchburg Daily Bread, Inc., on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lynchburg Daily Bread, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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