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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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Commending Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Patrons—Rasoul, Adams, D.M., Avoli, Ballard, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Fariss, Guzman, Head, Hope, Jenkins, Keam, Kory, Maldonado, McNamara, McQuinn, Morefield, Murphy, O'Quinn, Plum, Price, Reid, Roem, Shin, Simon, Simonds, Subramanyam, Wampler, Ware and Watts; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Deeds, Edwards, Hackworth, Hashmi, Howell, Lucas, Peake, Spruill and Suetterlein

WHEREAS, Feeding Southwest Virginia, a regional food bank serving 26 counties and nine cities of the Commonwealth, commemorated its 40th anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, an affiliate of the national organization Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, Feeding Southwest Virginia has played a major role in reducing hunger in its service region since 1981; and

WHEREAS, the primary function of Feeding Southwest Virginia is to secure large quantities of food for distribution across its network of 380 partner feeding programs, providing an invaluable lifeline to individuals and families in need; the organization annually distributes upwards of \$30 million worth of food throughout its service region, feeding more than 100,000 individuals every month; and

WHEREAS, Feeding Southwest Virginia currently serves individuals and families in the Counties of Alleghany, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe and the Cities of Bristol, Covington, Danville, Galax, Martinsville, Norton, Radford, Roanoke, and Salem; and

WHEREAS, in honor of its 40th anniversary, Feeding Southwest Virginia was featured on an episode of "Buzz" on WBRA-TV, the Blue Ridge Public Broadcast Service, while the Wells Fargo Tower in downtown Roanoke was lit orange and green, the colors of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the millions of meals served annually by Feeding Southwest Virginia have been made possible through the tireless efforts of the volunteers, staff, and board members of the organization, whose resolute dedication to eliminating hunger in Southwest Virginia has profoundly impacted countless lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Feeding Southwest Virginia 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 Pamela Irvine, president and chief executive officer of Feeding Southwest Virginia, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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