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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 139

Offered March 8, 2022

*Commending the Community Roots Project, Manassas Park Seed Exchange.*

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WHEREAS, the Community Roots Project, Manassas Park Seed Exchange, founded by Manassas Park High School student Cassandra Hummeldorf, has increased access to affordable, healthy food throughout the community by helping residents plant their own gardens; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the avid gardeners in her family, Cassandra Hummeldorf developed the idea for the Manassas Park Seed Exchange as a way to address food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Hummeldorf launched the program as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project in October 2020; since that time, she has cultivated partnerships with the Manassas Park City Library and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Prince William to open a physical location and offer online classes and workshops; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Park Seed Exchange program is free and open to the entire community, providing vegetable, fruit, and herb seeds and encouraging gardeners to bring their own diverse selection of seeds to the exchange for their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Hummeldorf and the Manassas Park Seed Exchange have increased the quality of life of food-insecure people in Manassas Park and helped develop a strong sense of community in the city; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Community Roots Project, Manassas Park Seed Exchange hereby be commended for its work to increase access to nutritious food in Manassas Park by helping residents plant home gardens; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cassandra Hummeldorf, founder of the Community Roots Project, Manassas Park Seed Exchange, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the community.

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