## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 838**

Commending Polyface Farms.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, Polyface Farms, one of the country's leading non-industrial farms, has greatly served the Shenandoah Valley region and the Commonwealth for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Polyface Farms was established in 1961 by William and Lucille Salatin, who settled their family on a worn-out plot of land near Staunton and began restoring it to its current glory; and

WHEREAS, the Salatins utilized natural processes and innovative methods to nourish the land at Polyface Farms and build a thriving farm and livestock operation; and

WHEREAS, Polyface Farms today supports three generations of the Salatin family, who encourage others to join them in their mission to develop agricultural enterprises that are emotionally, economically, and environmentally sound; and

WHEREAS, Polyface Farms provides educational events, farm tours, apprenticeships, and more to share its knowledge and practices with other aspiring and experienced farmers interested in sustainability; and

WHEREAS, by advancing environmentally-friendly farming practices and promoting their use both in and beyond the Commonwealth, Polyface Farms has made a profound and lasting impact on countless communities and lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Polyface Farms hereby be commended for its accomplishments as a proponent of sustainable agriculture and farming; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Polyface Farms as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the farm's contributions to the Shenandoah Valley and the Commonwealth.