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**FASWVA President/CEO Pamela Irvine recognized by Virginia General Assembly**

**November 1, 2017 (SALEM, Va.)** - Feeding America Southwest Virginia President and CEO Pamela Irvine has been presented with a resolution from the Virginia General Assembly commending her for 35 years of service with the food bank.

House Joint Resolution Number 715 passed both Houses in January 2017, and was formally presented to Irvine in September by chief co-patron Senator John Edwards. Delegate Terry Austin was the resolution's chief patron and Senator Creigh Deeds was a co-patron.

The resolution recognizes Irvine for having "overseen the annual distribution of more than 20 million pounds of food to a network of nearly 400 food pantries, meal sites and afterschool programs in a 26-county service area" and notes her numerous leadership roles at the state and national level.

"I am honored and humbled to receive such recognition from our general assembly," says Irvine. "Feeding the hungry in Southwest Virginia is my passion, and knowing that we have the support of our legislators in this task is truly wonderful."

The resolution was presented during Feeding America Southwest Virginia's Elected Officials Volunteer Day events. Attendees included several Virginia legislators, Irvine's family, food bank staff and guests. Irvine lives in Clifton Forge.

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## About Feeding America Southwest Virginia

Feeding America Southwest Virginia was founded locally in 1981 and proudly commemorates 36 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships. For the last three and a half decades, the Food Bank's ultimate mission has remained the same: eliminate hunger in the region. The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure and distribute large quantities of food for Southwest Virginia's hungry. Approximately \$26.5 million worth of food and grocery related products are channeled annually through a network of more than 330 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9-city region that provide food or meals to those in need. The local Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America. Visit [www.faswva.org](http://www.faswva.org) for more information or like us on Facebook.



Senator John Edwards presents Pamela Irvine with her resolution as her daughter and granddaughters look on.

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