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Commending Jane R. Bell.

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WHEREAS, the idea of Ruritan, one of America's leading community service organizations, was conceived in 1928 in Holland, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the name "Ruritan," which is the combination of two Latin words, *ruri* meaning "open country," and *tan* meaning "small town," are together interpreted as "pertaining to rural and small town life"; and

WHEREAS, with headquarters in Dublin, Virginia, Ruritan has grown nationally to include more than 33,000 men and women with 1,330 clubs in 25 states; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth ranks first in Ruritan membership with more than 13,000 members in 450 clubs, ranking Ruritan among the largest community service organizations in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Jane R. Bell, a resident of the Caroline County community of Ruther Glen, was named national Ruritan of the Year at an award ceremony in January 2003 in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor reflects Jane Bell's dedication to Ruritan's goals of creating a better understanding among people through fellowship, goodwill, and volunteer community service, and to making the local community a better place in which to live; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jane R. Bell on being named National Ruritan of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jane R. Bell as an expression of the congratulations and best wishes of the General Assembly.

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