

2005 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 332

Designating February 23, 2005, as Rotary Day in Virginia.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 3, 2005
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2005

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chicago was founded on February 23, 1905, when Chicago attorney Paul Harris invited three business associates to a meeting to form a club to share "mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages"; and

WHEREAS, by 1921, Rotary Clubs had been formed on six continents, and the name Rotary International was adopted in 1922; and

WHEREAS, as Rotary International grew, its focus changed from serving the business and professional needs of its members to serving communities in need, as expressed in its motto: "Service Above Self "; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation, established in 1917, today garners contributions exceeding \$80 million annually to support a range of humanitarian grants and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary International made a commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio, and by the centennial of Rotary in 2005, more than \$500 million will have been committed to the eradication of polio; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International, approaching its 100th anniversary, consists of 1.2 million members in some 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries, all committed to addressing such problems as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly designate February 23, 2005, as Rotary Day in Virginia. The special day shall be in honor of the numerous and ongoing contributions of Rotary International to communities throughout the Commonwealth, across the nation, and around the world; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to Glenn E. Estess, Sr., president of Rotary International, so that members of Rotary International may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the Senate post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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