

068254808

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 179

Offered January 26, 2006

Commending Floyd County on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.

Patrons—Reynolds; Delegate: Dudley

WHEREAS, Floyd County will celebrate its illustrious 175th anniversary in 2006; and
 WHEREAS, Floyd County is thought to have been one of the first places visited by General
 Abraham Wood when exploration began to push westward in 1671; and
 WHEREAS, settlers came to Floyd County as early as the 1750s and reported on its pristine beauty
 as "Our Beautiful Mountain"; and
 WHEREAS, by the 1790s, "Lighthorse" Harry Lee was given a 25,000-acre land grant, including
 what is now the Buffalo Mountain Natural Area Preserve in Floyd County; and
 WHEREAS, Floyd County, named for Governor John Floyd, was established by the Commonwealth
 of Virginia on January 15, 1831; and
 WHEREAS, land for the first courthouse was donated by the prominent Tice and Phlegar families;
 and
 WHEREAS, in 2006, the citizens of Floyd County will celebrate their rich history of agriculture,
 education, industry, music, the arts, and technological leadership; and
 WHEREAS, many citizens and civic organizations are completing special legacy projects to
 document, celebrate, and preserve Floyd County's history; and
 WHEREAS, the county's anniversary coincides with the beginning of numerous celebrations in the
 Commonwealth in 2007, and Floyd County has been named by the governor as an official Virginia 2007
 Community as part of the Virginia 2007 Community Program, established to expand tourism, economic
 development, and educational opportunities throughout the state in preparation for the 400th anniversary
 of the founding of Virginia and Jamestown; now, therefore, be it
 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
 commend and congratulate Floyd County on the occasion of its 175th anniversary; and, be it
 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for
 presentation to representatives of Floyd County on behalf of all of its outstanding citizens, past and
 present, as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for its invaluable contribution to the
 history, culture, growth, and prosperity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

INTRODUCED

SI179