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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 362

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Commending the New Bohemia Region of Prince George County.

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WHEREAS, the New Bohemia Region of Prince George County has a rich historic background; and WHEREAS, people of Bohemian Czech and Slovak nationalities originally settled farmland in the New Bohemia area of Prince George County; and

WHEREAS, these new immigrants to the United States moved to the Prince George district and officially created "New Bohemia," a community consisting of homes, two general stores, a hotel, a school, a church, a meeting hall, and an administration building; and

WHEREAS, the communities that evolved there rehabilitated overworked farms and created productive agricultural enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the farm successes of Bohemian Czech and Slovak farmers attracted other Slavic immigrants such as Poles, Lithuanians, and Ukrainians from other regions of the United States and from their native homelands to the New Bohemia area of Prince George County; and

WHEREAS, these farms created communities that carried forward their homeland customs and lifestyles into modern times; and

WHEREAS, these people of various nationalities contributed greatly to the growth and economy of the entire region surrounding Prince George County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the New Bohemia Region of Prince George County for its contributions to the county and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John G. Kines, Jr., County Administrator of Prince George County, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the rich historical legacy of the New Bohemia Region.