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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 259 Offered January 24, 2012 Commending the White Hall Ruritan Club on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Patrons—Landes, Bell, Robert B., Fariss and Toscano; Senators: Deeds and Reeves

WHEREAS, the White Hall Ruritan Club celebrated 50 years of serving residents of Albemarle County at an anniversary dinner held on July 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, since 1928 Ruritan Clubs have dedicated themselves to improving communities and building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and community service; and

WHEREAS, formed as the result of the efforts of numerous local men who desired to serve the community, the White Hall Ruritan Club has provided valuable service to the local community through its participation in community events and fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, committed to helping students succeed, the White Hall Ruritan Club sponsors an essay contest for local elementary school students as well as two scholarships for college students; and

WHEREAS, White Hall Ruritan Club members play a vital role in community events, handling ticket sales at the Albemarle County Fair in previous years while also currently managing parking for the Crozet Arts and Crafts Festival and the Crozet Fourth of July celebration; and

WHEREAS, the White Hall Ruritan Club also maintains the White Hall Community Center, which provides a venue for other local organizations and residents to host special events; and

WHEREAS, the White Hall Ruritan Club helps maintain western Albemarle's scenic beauty for residents and visitors alike with members participating in highway cleanups; and

WHEREAS, at the 50th anniversary dinner, White Hall Ruritan Club members enjoyed reminiscing about the Club's early days with charter members Dan Maupin and Roy Yancey over a special dinner that included music by Charlottesville fiddler Lovell Coleman; and

WHEREAS, the White Hall Ruritan Club 50th anniversary dinner included the presence of Ruritan Club national director, Chuck Myers, and national president, Jayson Duncan, who presented certificates to longtime members; and

WHEREAS, the White Hall Ruritan Club has provided extraordinary service to the residents of Albemarle County during its 50 years of existence while also providing an opportunity for its members to grow in character and fellowship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the White Hall Ruritan Club on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the White Hall Ruritan Club as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration and gratitude for the Club's community service.