

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 779

Commending The Central Virginian.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 1, 2013

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 2013

WHEREAS, in 2012, *The Central Virginian*, a trusted newspaper based in the Town of Louisa, celebrated the 100th anniversary of its establishment; and

WHEREAS, first published in 1912, *The Central Virginian* offered perspectives on local and world events by collecting and compiling news stories from a variety of outlets; and

WHEREAS, with a simple layout that would be unfamiliar to the modern public, *The Central Virginian* covered everything from local church socials and youth meetings to the RMS *Titanic* and the World's Fair; and

WHEREAS, a key resource for local farmers, *The Central Virginian* provided essential agricultural information to rural Louisa County; the newspaper often carried weather reports, farm reports, and livestock pricing; and

WHEREAS, during the 1950s and 1960s, *The Central Virginian* began to cover Louisa High School sports, local scouting groups, and notices on residents entering military service; and

WHEREAS, *The Central Virginian* transitioned from compiling news to reporting it, with staff reporters conducting multi-source interviews, writing stories, and supplying bylines; and

WHEREAS, *The Central Virginian* began covering stories in the Counties of Culpeper, Fluvanna, Goochland, and Orange; occasionally, the newspaper also covered stories in the Cities of Richmond and Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, from the 1970s onward, *The Central Virginian* reorganized its layout, reserving the front page for top stories, breaking the rest of the newspaper up into sections, and adding color to the front and back pages; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, *The Central Virginian* began to phase out coverage of surrounding regions to focus on serving Louisa County; today, the newspaper remains a respected and valued asset to the Louisa community; and

WHEREAS, once only publishing a weekly edition, *The Central Virginian* now offers a website and makes use of social media, allowing the newspaper to continuously provide up-to-date information to the community; and

WHEREAS, today, *The Central Virginian* is a premier, full-coverage newspaper, offering a mix of stories and sections on several full-color pages; and

WHEREAS, the past and present owners, publishers, writers, and contributors of *The Central Virginian* have worked tirelessly to ensure that the people of Louisa County receive accurate and timely news; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend *The Central Virginian* on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to *The Central Virginian* as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the newspaper's century of loyal service to the people of Louisa County and Central Virginia.

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