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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

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Memorializing James Ewell Brown Stuart.

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WHEREAS, despite the undoubted imperfections of the era, there was about the Virginian country life of yore, as recorded by Dr. George W. Bagby, "a beauty, a simplicity, a purity, an uprightness, a cordial and lavish hospitality, warmth, and grace which shine in the lens of memory"; and

WHEREAS, the agrarian republic of the Old Dominion produced generation upon generation of now fabled men and women; and

WHEREAS, many of the people of Powhatan cherish the memory of the association of their forbears with one of the most notable of the sons of the agrarian society of antebellum Virginia, James Ewell Brown Stuart; and

WHEREAS, Company E of the 4th Virginia Cavalry, commonly known as "The Powhatan Troop," was comprised of men who were themselves products of the rural culture of Virginia into which, in 1833, James Ewell Brown Stuart was born in Patrick County; and

WHEREAS, the Virginian tradition of his time accounted for "the making of the man" who became the virtuous and renowned leader of not only The Powhatan Troop but of all the cavalries of the Army of Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a remembrance of the way of life which, though now largely supplanted in many parts of the Commonwealth remains, in vestige, a reality for some but also an inheritance of all Virginians and an example by which to measure the preoccupations of our own time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the House recollect the rural and ancient traditions which shaped the singular character of James Ewell Brown Stuart; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Ewell Brown Stuart IV upon the occasion of his remarks concerning "The Making of the Man" who was his noble ancestor.

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