

## 2014 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 356

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*Commending the Rotary Club of Chatham.*

Patrons—Adams and Marshall, D.W.

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Rotary Club of Chatham celebrates its 75th anniversary of serving the community and helping to promote understanding, goodwill, and peace around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chatham was established on March 15, 1939; it became a member of Rotary International three months later on June 23, 1939, when it was presented with its charter; and

WHEREAS, one of the guiding principles of the organization is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise," and this emphasis on "service above self" has been the focus of local, national, and international efforts by the Rotary Club of Chatham; and

WHEREAS, in the last seven decades, the Rotary Club of Chatham has supported many projects and fundraising programs to benefit Chatham and the surrounding Pittsylvania County area; the group has held fundraising auctions, gala events, beauty contests, park festivals, stew sales, and silent auctions; and

WHEREAS, programs that have benefited from the efforts of the Rotary Club of Chatham include the Dictionaries for Third Graders project, scholarship awards, purchases of school equipment, and sponsorship of the Chatham High School robotics team and the Interact Club service organization; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chatham has been a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, God's Pit Crew disaster response team, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area, the Pittsylvania County literacy project, and the Pittsylvania 4-H program; and

WHEREAS, other areas that have received support from the Rotary Club of Chatham are Big Brothers Big Sisters of Danville Area, Cross Roads Reconciliation Services, a street lighting project for the Town of Chatham, and local first-responder organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chatham's outreach efforts extend beyond southern Virginia and include support of the Rotary District 7570 Water Project, Youth Leadership Awards, and international efforts to eradicate polio and provide clean water wells; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Rotary Club of Chatham on its 75th anniversary of providing fellowship and "service above self"; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nina Beth Thornton, president of the Rotary Club of Chatham, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its many years of service to the community, the Commonwealth, and the world.

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