HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

Commending the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club proudly celebrated 65 years of service to the Isle of Wight County community; and

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

WHEREAS, founded in October 1948, the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club has made many valuable contributions to the local community by providing needed funds to area organizations, promoting community fellowship, and assisting in service efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club donates food and toys to families in need, assists military families, raises money to help community members pay for medical expenses, and runs an American Red Cross blood drive; and

WHEREAS, supporting the youth of the community, the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club donates to scholarships at Smithfield High School, Windsor High School, and Isle of Wight Academy; the club also participates in the Adopt-a-Highway program and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Franklin Drewery, Sr., a charter member of the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club, is the only member to have continuously served in the club throughout its entire 65-year history; and

WHEREAS, all of the members of the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club have generously given of their time and talents over the years to make their community a better place to live and work and look forward to continuing to serve local residents in the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club hereby be commended on the occasion of its 65th anniversary in 2013; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Isle of Wight Ruritan Club as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the club's commitment to serving the community.