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## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 181**

Offered February 28, 2014

3 Commending the James City Ruritan Club.

Patrons-Norment and Miller; Delegates: Mason and Pogge

6 WHEREAS, the James City Ruritan Club, located in James City County, will celebrate its 75th7 anniversary in November 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, committed to improving their community through fellowship, goodwill, and community 9 service, 41 citizens formed the James City Ruritan Club in November 1939; and

WHEREAS, truly representative of the community at that time, the founding members of the James
City Ruritan Club were merchants, farmers, insurance agents, bankers, mechanics, postal carriers,
educators, and government officials, all of whom helped make James City the community it is today;
and

WHEREAS, putting James City County on a prosperous path, charter members of the Club
 contributed to many of the housing developments in the community, and some even headed the 1969
 economic development program that brought Anheuser-Busch Brewery and Busch Gardens to the area;
 and

WHEREAS, through generous donations of over 2,000 service hours and at least \$8,000 annually,
the James City Ruritan Club supports many worthwhile local organizations, including Camp Easter
Seals, the Hospice of Williamsburg, Meals on Wheels, James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department,
Eastern State Hospital, the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce, and many others; and

WHEREAS, over the last 75 years, the James City Ruritan Club has remained a diversified
 representation of the area's residents and has upheld the ideals of the charter members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly herebycommend the James City Ruritan Club on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

27 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for
28 presentation to Ivan "Buster" Tabb, the president of the James City Ruritan Club, as an expression of
29 the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its many decades of committed service to the
30 residents of James City County.