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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 192

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending the Town of Chilhowie.

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WHEREAS, the Town of Chilhowie, a vibrant and historic town in Southwest Virginia, celebrated the 100th anniversary of its incorporation in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chilhowie traces its roots to a stagecoach inn and the surrounding community known as Town House; the community was renamed Greever's Switch after a railroad was built in 1856; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 1913, the Town of Chilhowie was officially incorporated; the town was named for a Cherokee word meaning "valley of many deer"; and

WHEREAS, a group of electors met at a local storehouse to elect town officers, and James D. Tate was sworn in as the Town of Chilhowie's first mayor on December 17; A. C. Beattie was elected president pro tempore of the council and G. C. Bundy was elected clerk of the council and treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chilhowie has been home to many prominent historic figures, such as William Campbell, a commander at the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain, and Elizabeth Campbell, who played a large role in the area's early Methodist Church movement; and

WHEREAS, many manufacturing and agricultural enterprises have achieved success in the Town of Chilhowie over the years; from 1912 to 1989, Bonham Brothers led the town to become the region's premier apple grower; and

WHEREAS, today, Duncan Orchards carries on the Town of Chilhowie's proud agricultural traditions, distributing apples throughout the country; the town celebrates its heritage with an apple festival each September; and

WHEREAS, today, the Town of Chilhowie welcomes many visitors as a convenient gateway to Mount Rogers, the Commonwealth's highest mountain, and the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Chilhowie and The Centennial Committee hosted an anniversary celebration on December 7, 2013; the committee plan to continue the year-long festivities in the summer and fall of 2014; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Town of Chilhowie as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for the town's storied history and many contributions to the Commonwealth.

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