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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5069

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Commending the Chester Lions Club.

Patrons—Cox, Carr, Dance, Ingram, Loupassi, McQuinn, Robinson, and Ware; Senators: Marsh, Martin and Watkins

WHEREAS, the Chester Lions Club, located in Chesterfield County, proudly celebrated its 75th anniversary in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, receiving its charter in 1939, the Chester Lions Club became a part of the largest service organization in the world, the International Association of Lions Clubs; and

WHEREAS, adhering to the mission of the international organization, the Chester Lions Club works to serve both the visually and hearing impaired; and

WHEREAS, by hosting White Cane Days, the longest semiannual community-supported event, and participating in sight and hearing conservation, the Chester Lions Club is able to raise funds for eyeglasses and exams and collect old eyeglasses and hearing aids for conversion into useable instruments for individuals in need; and

WHEREAS, members of the Chester Lions Club donate to a multitude of Lions Club supported service entities, including Leader Dog School, Old Dominion Eye Bank, Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, Virginia Voice for the Printed Handicapped, Pedia-Vision for testing children, and Bland Memorial Music Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its 75-year history, the Chester Lions Club has raised over \$375,000 from white cane days, variety shows, community birthday calendars, and other fund-raising activities to benefit the needy and has received many awards, including New Club Sponsor, various district awards, the Lions International President's Award, and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award; and

WHEREAS, by adhering to the motto "We Serve," the Chester Lions Club has assisted in improving the lives of those less fortunate for the last 75 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Chester Lions Club on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gregory F. Bergeret, president of the Chester Lions Club, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the club's many years of devoted service to the Chesterfield community and the Commonwealth.

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