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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

Offered February 16, 2017

Commending the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club.

Patrons—Anderson, Bell, John J., Dudenhefer, Hugo, Lingamfelter, Marshall, R.G., Miller and Torian;
Senator: Stuart

WHEREAS, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club in Prince William County celebrated 75 years of service, fellowship, and goodwill to the community in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Nokesville Ruritan Club was chartered on December 13, 1941, and, in an effort to expand its reach to a wider area, the club changed its name to the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club has a very active membership of 35 men and women who represent a cross-section of the community, and the club meets monthly on the second Thursday at Windy Knoll Farm in Nokesville; and

WHEREAS, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club, like all Ruritan Clubs, strives to make their community a better place to live and work through volunteerism, community service, fellowship, and scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club founded and sponsored youth clubs at Cedar Point Elementary School, T. Clay Wood Elementary School, E.H. Marsteller Middle School, and Patriot High School; the clubs teach students about being stewards of the community and have been a huge success; and

WHEREAS, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club's biggest annual fundraisers are the Nokesville Day festival in May and Brunswick Stew and Fall Festival in October, when club members cook 350 gallons of stew over open fires in kettles ranging in size from 30 gallons to 90 gallons; and

WHEREAS, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club's financial support to the community includes four scholarships to college for local high school students and tuition for students to attend service and leadership programs sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge; and

WHEREAS, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club's service projects include preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families, donations of Rudy Bears to emergency personnel for children during crisis situations, Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Stream clean-up, and food pickup and distribution for a local food pantry; and

WHEREAS, 65 people attended the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club's celebration of their 75th anniversary in October 2016, including Ruritan National President Calvin Shelton and many past club presidents and current members; and

WHEREAS, the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club has a proud history of assisting the Nokesville and Bristow communities at many different levels and the club's longevity is a testament to the hands-on approach club members have taken to service over the past 75 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club on marking 75 years of service, fellowship, and goodwill to the community in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Nokesville-Bristow Ruritan Club, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's proud history of community service to the Nokesville area and Prince William County.

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