HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 833

Commending Marvin Garber.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2017

WHEREAS, Marvin Garber, an admired community leader in Augusta County who has dedicated his life to the service of others, celebrated 70 years as a Ruritan in 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, impressed by the work the New Hope Ruritan Club was doing, Marvin Garber joined the club in 1945, at which time the club had only 20 members, all of whom were farmers; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Garber joined the Bridgewater Virginia Ruritan Club in 1991; in addition to maintaining 67 years of perfect attendance at monthly Ruritan meetings, he has also served as a club president three times; and

WHEREAS, as a member of both clubs, Marvin Garber cleaned up litter on the highway, held fundraising dinners to support charitable causes, and organized an initiative to encourage the local government to install street lamps; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Marvin Garber helped secure land and build a house to encourage a new doctor to join the community after the previous doctor had retired; the combination home and doctor's office was in use for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Garber strives to inspire young people to a life of service and is a trusted mentor and friend to many in the Augusta County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marvin Garber for his 70 years of service as a Ruritan; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marvin Garber as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his loyal service to the residents of Augusta County.