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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 301

Offered January 16, 2017

*Commending the Mathews Ruritan Club.*

Patron—Hodges

WHEREAS, the Mathews Ruritan Club celebrated its 85th anniversary in 2016 and has demonstrated through its actions and good work over the past eight decades that it is a vital asset to the Mathews County community; and

WHEREAS, the Mathews Ruritan Club has a rich history and it is currently the eighth-oldest Ruritan Club among over 1,000 clubs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Mathews Ruritan Club was chartered on September 1, 1931, in Cobbs Creek, and the initial charter, signed by 19 men, was presented to the club by Mills E. Godwin, Jr., who later became Ruritan National president and twice Governor of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Mathews Ruritan Club prospered throughout the years and eventually grew large enough to create the new Piankatank Ruritan Club in Mathews County; and

WHEREAS, the 22 men and women who are members of the Mathews Ruritan Club share camaraderie and an overwhelming desire to give back to their community through volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, members of the Mathews Ruritan Club work tirelessly within five "Avenues of Community Service": Business and Professions, Citizenship and Patriotism, Environment, Public Service, and Social Development; and the club has received Ruritan District gold awards in each area for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, the Mathews Ruritan Club uses fundraising activities throughout the year to fund donations to various local charities and public agencies, such as schools and volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Mathews Ruritan Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in various churches in Mathews County to conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, for 85 years the Mathews Ruritan Club has promoted the Ruritan mission of making our community a better place to live and work through fellowship, goodwill, and community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Mathews Ruritan Club hereby be commended on celebrating the 85th anniversary of its founding in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bill Joyce, president of the Mathews Ruritan Club, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the actions and good work that make the club a significant asset to the Mathews County community.

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