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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 157

Offered January 25, 2018

Commending the Hanover County Historical Society.

Patrons—Peace and Fowler; Senators: Dunnavant, McClellan and McDougle

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1967, a group of interested citizens of Hanover County formed an organization with a plan to promote and preserve the history and heritage of Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its 50-year history, the Hanover County Historical Society has made significant contributions to cultural life in the county, the Commonwealth, and the United States through its research, publication of reference books, distribution of periodic historical bulletins to its membership, and development of educational programs; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Hanover County Historical Society has expanded its collection and developed digital resource tools to make the material available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Historical Society has developed a sophisticated website to disseminate information about Hanover County history to anyone from anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Historical Society has published 12 well-researched reference books about Hanover County history and acquired several important titles; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Historical Society collaborates with Preservation Virginia, the Hanover County Black Heritage Society, the National Park Service, the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, the Hanover Tavern, the Ashland Museum, and the Parsons' Cause Foundation, among other historic organizations, to present educational programs and events to the public; and

WHEREAS, on the second Tuesday of each month, the Hanover County Historical Society holds open houses in the historic Hanover Courthouse and Old Jail, providing docents and tours at no cost to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Historical Society created the annual Patrick Henry Leadership Award in 2010 and has since recognized more than 15 individuals and organizations for leadership in preservation, historical interpretation, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Historical Society continues to acquire and archive relevant artifacts, books, and documents as well as ensure residents and visitors have access to the vibrant history of Hanover County through shows, exhibits, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Historical Society formally commemorated its 50th anniversary at its annual Christmas dinner meeting on December 5, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Hanover County Historical Society for its work to preserve the history and heritage of the Commonwealth on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Hanover County Historical Society as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the society's contributions to the community.

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