## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18**

Commending the Rotary Club of Chesapeake.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 12, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, January 18, 2018

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Rotary Club of Chesapeake celebrated 50 years of fellowship and service to its local community; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chesapeake, a chapter of the Rotary International service organization, was chartered in 1967 with 25 members; today, it boasts more than 100 members who support philanthropic and community enrichment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, among the Rotary Club of Chesapeake's largest fundraising events is the Chesapeake Wine Festival, an annual, all-volunteer event that has raised over \$1 million for charities such as the Boys and Girls Club, the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, and the Chesapeake Regional Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chesapeake spearheads several other annual events, including a Christmas parade, a volunteer project to paint the homes of the less fortunate, and Coats For Kids, which provides warm winter coats for children in need; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of its devotion to volunteerism, the Rotary Club of Chesapeake dispenses the First Citizen of Chesapeake Award each year to honor individuals who have made a lasting and positive impact on the local community; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chesapeake celebrated its 50th anniversary in June 2017 at Greenbrier Farms, the site of its original meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Rotary Club of Chesapeake 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 Rotary Club of Chesapeake as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its longstanding service to the residents of Chesapeake.