

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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*Commending the GFWC Junto Women's Club.*

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WHEREAS, the GFWC Junto Women's Club, a Suffolk-based civic organization that has devoted itself to philanthropic efforts in the local community, celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Junto Women's Club is a branch of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization that promotes community enrichment through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, chartered in 1927, the GFWC Junto Women's Club was started by 12 Suffolk women who had previously formed a book club in efforts to introduce a library to their local community; the group met in a small cabin owned by the father of Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., and it adopted the name "Junto" to honor Benjamin Franklin's 1727 intellectual organization of the same name; and

WHEREAS, today, the GFWC Junto Women's Club includes 55 members who are actively involved in bettering the Suffolk community; one of the group's biggest accomplishments came in 1983, when it helped found the Chuckatuck Library, which was later staffed by many of its volunteers; and

WHEREAS, through an annual flea market and other fundraising efforts, the GFWC Junto Women's Club lends support to local fire departments and scouting groups as well as organizations such as Meals on Wheels, the Genieve Shelter, and the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts; each year, its members award \$1,000 scholarships to two Suffolk high school students; and

WHEREAS, through their generous charitable endeavors, the members of the GFWC Junto Women's Club have improved the quality of life of countless members of their local community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the GFWC Junto Women's Club hereby be commended for its valuable volunteer service to the residents of Suffolk on the occasion of its 90th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the GFWC Junto Women's Club as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its long legacy of community enrichment and best wishes for continued success.

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