## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1006**

Commending the Rotary Club of Portsmouth.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, part of a worldwide social service network, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth was chartered on June 1, 1919, and since its start has provided leadership, volunteers, and financial resources to assist people of the City of Portsmouth, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, ongoing projects of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth have donated over 8,000 volumes to the Portsmouth Public Library, provided over 21,000 dictionaries to third-grade students in Portsmouth, and donated countless amounts of funds to area projects and organizations that depend upon volunteer contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth has provided exterior painting, minor repairs, and landscaping to over 130 residences owned by senior and disabled homeowners in need; the group has contributed to the Rotary International Initiative which has eliminated polio in 99 percent of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth's membership has provided leadership in the business community as well as in civic affairs and includes the Honorable Norman R. Hamilton, the Right Reverend William A. Brown, the Honorable William B. Spong, Jr., the Honorable Richard J. Davis, and the Honorable Stephen E. Heretick; 25 recipients of Portsmouth's First Citizen Award have been members of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Rotary Club of Portsmouth on the occasion of its 100th 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 Portsmouth as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its longstanding service to the residents of Portsmouth.