

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1120

Commending Johnson's Orchards.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, Johnson's Orchards, a family-owned and -operated farm in Bedford, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Johnson's Orchards was established in 1918 by Robert Lee and J.E. Johnson, and the first fruit trees were planted in 1919; and

WHEREAS, Johnson's Orchards is a six-generation farm that originated on the Peaks of Otter where the National Park Service has restored the family's original property; apples from the original planting have been grafted and nurtured on the present orchard site; and

WHEREAS, Johnson's Orchards' sale area is its old packing shed with a winery located in the cellar; crops include apples, peaches, nectarines, and plums; cold cider, jellies, jams, butter, and relish are products for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson's Orchards winery is just as versatile as the orchard, with over 25 different fruit wines; facilities include a log cabin, a pavilion for picnicking, and trails for walking and hiking with breathtaking views; and

WHEREAS, today, Johnson's Orchards has around 5,000 apple trees with almost 200 different varieties and is a popular destination for day trippers, vacationers, and wedding parties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Johnson's Orchards, a family-owned and -operated farm in Bedford, 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 Johnson's Orchards as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the business's longevity and dedication to agricultural excellence.

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