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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 885

Offered February 11, 2019

Commending the Dolley Madison Garden Club.

Patrons—Freitas; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, the Dolley Madison Garden Club, a nonprofit organization in the Town of Orange, has promoted horticulture and protected the agricultural heritage of the community for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, established in 1919 by a group of civic-minded women with an interest in gardening, the Dolley Madison Garden Club selected the zinnia, a symbol of friendship, endurance, and constancy, as its club flower; and

WHEREAS, the Dolley Madison Garden Club was the fourth such club to join the Garden Club of Virginia after it was founded in 1920, and it was admitted to the Garden Club of America in 1922; and

WHEREAS, among its many community improvement projects, the Dolley Madison Garden Club has worked to save dogwood trees, limit the use of billboards, and abolish automobile graveyards; the club also planted trees along U.S. Route 15 and worked with the Town of Orange to enhance Taylor Park; and

WHEREAS, each April, the Dolley Madison Garden Club produces a Historic Garden Week tour, with proceeds benefiting the Garden Club of Virginia projects to restore and beautify gardens and supporting an ongoing partnership with Virginia State Parks; and

WHEREAS, members of the Dolley Madison Garden Club give generously of their time and talents to increase the quality of life in Orange; the club has also received special recognition for its outstanding contributions to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Orange; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Dolley Madison Garden Club 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 Dolley Madison Garden Club as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy of contributions to the Orange community and the Commonwealth as a whole.

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