

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 920

*Commending the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville has worked to break cycles of abuse and neglect by giving children a safe, supportive environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands was established by the Reverend Dr. George H. Gilmer and originally opened as the Girls' Industrial School on September 3, 1919, under the direction of Charlotte Webb; and

WHEREAS, in its early years, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands cared for children who had lost parents due to war, illness, or other factors, and by 1930, the program began to accept boys, so that orphaned siblings would not need to be separated; and

WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands relocated to its current campus on the 89-acre Green Meadows Farm in Wytheville in 1962; thousands of students have passed through the home's doors, finding love, sanctuary, and Christian fellowship in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands refocused its mission to the care of abused and neglected children, but the organization remains true to its core principles of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future"; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands has fulfilled its mission with the hard work of its highly trained staff; the leadership of its board of directors; and the generosity of volunteers, donors, and community partners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands 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 Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its work giving children a safe, supportive environment in which to learn and grow.

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