SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 401

Commending the King William County Ruritan Club.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, the King William County Ruritan Club celebrated 80 years of service, fellowship, and goodwill to the community in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Ruritan Club was founded in 1938 and has served King William County with numerous fundraisers and community events; since it was founded, the club has raised and donated more than \$450,000 to the community from its fundraising events which include a fish fry, shrimp feast, steak feast, catfish fry, Octoberfest, Brunswick stew event, golf tournament, and more; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Ruritan Club has an active membership of men and women who represent a cross-section of the community; the club recently welcomed its first woman member, King William County Commissioner of the Revenue, Sally Pearson; the club's first African American president is its current leader Ronald A. Moore; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Ruritan Club, like all Ruritan Clubs, strives to make their community a better place in which to live and work through volunteerism, community service, fellowship, and scholarship, with monthly membership meetings at their facility at 156 Ruritan Lane in King William; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Ruritan Club's financial support to the community includes donations to the local fire and EMS organizations, law-enforcement agencies, and the county's school division for supplies; as well as community charity organizations and sports teams; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Ruritan Club has a proud history of assisting the King William County community on many different levels and the club's longevity is a testament to the hands-on approach its club members have taken to service over the past 80 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the King William County Ruritan Club on the occasion of its 80th anniversary, marking decades of service, fellowship, and goodwill to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ronald A. Moore, King William County Ruritan Club president, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's proud history of community service to King William County.