

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 160

Offered January 20, 2020

*Commending Albemarle County.*

Patrons—Bell, Fariss and Hudson; Senators: Deeds and Reeves

WHEREAS, in 1744, Albemarle County was formed by an Act of the General Assembly from the western portion of Goochland County; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County was named for the then-Governor of Virginia, Willem Anne van Keppel, Second Earl of Albemarle; and has been home to many notable individuals; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County's early economy developed around the Kanawha Canal in Scottsville and the mills along the Rivanna River; it was bolstered by the development of the Orange & Alexandria Railroad and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, which allowed Albemarle's agricultural and early industrial products to reach regional and national markets; and

WHEREAS, the founding of the University of Virginia in 1819 anchored Albemarle County as a center for learning and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the creation of Shenandoah National Park, part of which is located in western Albemarle County, in 1935 preserved thousands of acres of pristine forestlands for many types of recreation and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors adopted a growth management policy in 1971 to preserve the rural character and natural resources of Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County continues to work to achieve its vision of a community with abundant natural, historic, and scenic resources; healthy ecosystems; active and vibrant development areas; facilities and infrastructure to support healthy lifestyles; a thriving economy; and exceptional educational opportunities for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Albemarle County, in celebration of this special anniversary, can reflect with pride on the county's 275 years of history and look forward with anticipation to a bright future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Albemarle County and its citizens on the occasion of its 275th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Albemarle County as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for a joyous celebration.

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