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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 201

Offered February 8, 2020

Commending Botetourt County.

Patrons—Austin; Senator: Newman

WHEREAS, Botetourt County, a serenely beautiful region of the Roanoke Valley that figures prominently in the history of the Commonwealth, celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding in 2020; and

WHEREAS, an act of the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1769 established Botetourt County within the existing boundaries of Augusta County, with the newly established county named for Lord Botetourt, the governor of the colony of Virginia at the time; and

WHEREAS, many current residents can trace their lineage to the early settlers who were drawn to the region by its fertile hills and valleys; for some time after the American Revolutionary War, Botetourt County extended as far as the Mississippi River, an area encompassing seven states in the present day; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fincastle was established in 1772 and has served as the county seat of Botetourt County ever since; today, the town's buildings from the colonial and antebellum periods and the Victorian era offer a panorama of American architectural history while historical landmarks, such as the courthouse reportedly designed by Thomas Jefferson, are emblems of Botetourt County's storied past; and

WHEREAS, established in 1811, the Town of Buchanan, a gateway between the Shenandoah Valley and the southwest region of the Commonwealth, has been an important social and financial hub in Botetourt for over two centuries; and

WHEREAS, today, thousands of residents support numerous businesses and civic organizations in Botetourt County, while countless visitors flock to the area for its noteworthy hiking, wineries, and historical attractions, fostering a vibrant and thriving community that makes the county a special place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, for a quarter millennia, Botetourt County has been an essential piece in the patchwork of the Commonwealth, making immeasurable contributions to the state's history, culture, and economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Botetourt County, treasured county of the Roanoke Valley, on the occasion of the sestercentennial of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the county's contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for its future prosperity.

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