HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 320

Commending the Marion Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4667.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020 Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Marion Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4667 has promoted patriotism, honored the military service of local residents, and worked to enhance community life; and

WHEREAS, like all Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posts, the Marion VFW Post 4667 traces its roots to 1899, when the American Veterans of Foreign Service and the National Society of the Army of the Philippines were organized to secure rights and benefits for veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine-American War; and

WHEREAS, these two organizations merged in 1914, creating the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, which was chartered by the United States Congress in 1936; the Marion VFW Post 4667 was authorized and constituted on November 30, 1945; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1967, members of Marion VFW Post 4667 purchased the building at the post's current location on Goolsby Street; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Marion VFW Post 4667 has provided care for veterans and their families and worked in the best interests of its members, while respecting different viewpoints and the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Marion VFW Post 4667 has promoted a positive image of veterans through generous outreach programs and local engagement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Marion Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4667 on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Marion Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4667 as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its contributions to the men and women who have served and sacrificed in defense of the nation.