

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 383

Commending Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2020

WHEREAS, Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons has supported the Danville community through generous outreach programs and civic leadership for 200 years; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1820, the Grand Lodge of Virginia granted a charter to the Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122, which counted Thomas G. Tunstall, George Craghead, B.W.S. Cabell, Walter Coles, and James Lanier among its original membership; and

WHEREAS, Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 was originally located on the second story of a small building on Craghead Street; the lodge dedicated new temples in 1854, 1902, and 1921 before moving to its current home on Tunstall Road in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend George W. Dame was elected worshipful master of the lodge in 1842 and served for a total of 28 years; under his leadership, Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 moved to Main Street and played an active role in the growth of the community, laying the cornerstones for many important buildings in Danville; and

WHEREAS, numerous members of Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 served during the Civil War and other members provided care to Union prisoners of war who were being held in Danville; and

WHEREAS, Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 has enjoyed a long partnership with Roman Eagle Memorial Home, formerly Hilltop Nursing Home, by supporting the construction of new facilities to better serve residents; and

WHEREAS, members of Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 have made many generous donations to support the victims of hurricanes in Puerto Rico and Florida, floods in North Carolina and South Carolina, and many other crisis situations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 on the occasion of its 200th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its generations of service to the Danville community.

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