## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 221**

Commending Rockingham Cooperative.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Rockingham Cooperative, a farmer-owned hardware and agricultural supply store, has served residents of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham Cooperative traces its roots to February 23, 1921, when local farmers met and agreed to stop purchasing fertilizer from area suppliers until prices were lowered; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham Cooperative was officially founded later that year and has since provided generations of community members with high-quality products from convenient locations throughout the Shenandoah Valley; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Rockingham Cooperative merged with Roanoke Cooperative and expanded even further, opening two new locations to serve customers in the Roanoke Valley; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham Cooperative exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to community that has helped the Commonwealth's small businesses grow and thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rockingham Cooperative hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rockingham Cooperative as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its legacy of service to the agricultural community and all residents of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.