

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 309

Commending the Orange County Hounds.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, the Orange County Hounds, a distinguished hunting club based in The Plains, generously donated its property through a permanent conservation easement in 2020, which forbids in perpetuity subdivision of the property and residential, commercial, or industrial development of the land; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1900 by sportsmen and women in Orange County, New York, and hunting country in The Plains since 1905, the Orange County Hounds has contributed greatly to the hunting community in the Commonwealth over the past century; and

WHEREAS, by relinquishing the right to subdivide its 71-acre property in Fauquier County, the Orange County Hounds is supporting conservation efforts in the region and helping to ensure the beauty of the Commonwealth for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Hounds joins a distinguished lineage of Fauquier County landowners who have protected more than 100,000 acres of the county from future development through agreements with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation; and

WHEREAS, embracing the strong ties between the equestrian community and land preservation causes, the actions of the Orange County Hounds will help to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources and scenery for the enjoyment of countless citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Orange County Hounds, an esteemed hunting club in The Plains, hereby be commended for committing its property to a conservation easement in 2020; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Orange County Hounds as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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