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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 297

Offered February 24, 2022

*Commending the Kiwanis Club of Danville.*

Patrons—Marshall and Adams, L.R.; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Danville celebrated its 100th anniversary during an honorary banquet at the Danville Golf Club on September 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Danville was founded on June 21, 1921, a mere six years after the parent organization Kiwanis International was founded in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, through boom and bust, the Kiwanis Club of Danville has served as a steady and unshakeable foundation for fostering community and a greater sense of togetherness in the region; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Kiwanis Club of Danville are due in part to the extraordinary dedication of its members, including E. Budge Kent, Jr., Dr. Harry Kolendrianos, and Dr. Bert Osborne, who have each recorded more than 50 years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of three club secretaries, James T. Catlin, Jr., Everett L. Motley, and Dr. Jack Irby Hayes, Jr., have made an outsized impact on the Kiwanis Club of Danville, as the group is collectively responsible for 86 of the club's 100 years in that position; and

WHEREAS, although the Kiwanis Club of Danville did not admit women until 1987, the organization has enthusiastically embraced equality and inclusion in recent years, electing nine female presidents since 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Danville makes a difference in the community it serves through various activities, including its Camp Kiwanis for disadvantaged youth, celebrations for veterans, fundraising for local scout troops, sponsorship of the George Washington High School Key Club, and myriad programs and scholarships at local schools and universities; and

WHEREAS, the noble aspirations of its founders and leaders and the tireless efforts and generosity of its members have made the Kiwanis Club of Danville a pillar of the Danville community over the past 100 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Kiwanis Club of Danville 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 Lee Vogler, president of the Kiwanis Club of Danville, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's impressive history of contributions to the Commonwealth.

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