

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

Commending South Norfolk.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2022

WHEREAS, South Norfolk, a former city of the Commonwealth that is now a community in the City of Chesapeake, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the community of what would become South Norfolk served multiple rail lines in the late 19th century, leading to the establishment of waterworks, public schools, and a post office by 1900; and

WHEREAS, by 1919, when there were approximately 8,000 people living in the area, South Norfolk was chartered as a town in Norfolk County, though continued population growth led it to be declared a city by the General Assembly within three years; and

WHEREAS, South Norfolk continued its rapid development for many years, as the corridors along Liberty, St. James, and Poindexter Streets, Chesapeake Avenue, and Bainbridge Boulevard became thriving centers for commerce; and

WHEREAS, South Norfolk changed to a city manager form of government in 1947, bringing the administration of police, fire, recreation, public works, welfare, planning, and health services under the purview of a city manager and an elected city council; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Norfolk and Norfolk County were merged in 1963 to form the City of Chesapeake, though the history and legacy of South Norfolk continues to be cherished by the many individuals and families that called it home; and

WHEREAS, today, a local historic and national historic district in South Norfolk celebrates the area's noteworthy architecture, while the Chesapeake Land Bank Authority was recently created to administer a grant program for the rehabilitation of South Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Annual Fourth of July Parade, held in South Norfolk and organized by the South Norfolk Civic League in partnership with the Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department, is an annual tradition for Chesapeake families that the residents of South Norfolk take great pride in hosting; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, South Norfolk has delayed its 100th anniversary events to 2022, offering residents the opportunity to safely gather in celebration of the community's history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That South Norfolk 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 the community of South Norfolk as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for South Norfolk's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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