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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 461

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Commending the Ashland Garden Club.

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WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, the Ashland Garden Club has promoted a knowledge and love of gardening among members of the community; and

WHEREAS, established on October 12, 1922, in its early years the Ashland Garden Club engaged the public's interest through events such as flower shows; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, the Ashland Garden Club led beautification efforts in Ashland by planting dogwood trees in numerous locations; the club planted a garden at the Ashland Train Station and Visitor Center in 1927 and has created and maintained new gardens there in recent years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the Ashland Garden Club has also added plantings at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland Town Hall, the Ashland Police Department, Liberty Middle School, Patrick Henry High School, Henry Clay Elementary School, John M. Gandy Elementary School, the Hanover County School Board offices, the Hanover Arts and Activities Center, the Ashland Library, and local parks; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland Garden Club officially joined the Garden Club of Virginia on May 19, 1948; and

WHEREAS, along with 29 other Garden Club of Virginia member clubs, the Ashland Garden Club hosts a Historic Garden Week tour each April, the proceeds of which fund restoration of Virginia's historic public gardens and a research fellowship program; after Historic Garden Week in 1971, the Garden Club of Virginia funded a plan to restore the grounds at Scotchtown; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, the Ashland Garden Club has participated in the annual Fine Arts and Flowers exhibition at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond by creating floral designs inspired by the works of art in the museum's collection; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Ashland Garden Club awards a \$2,000 scholarship to a Patrick Henry High School senior who is planning to pursue an education in horticulture, agriculture, environmental sciences, or other related fields; the organization has also awarded scholarships to participants in outdoor programs, such as Nature Camp, 4-H, and Camp Bloom; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland Garden Club established the Roots & Shoots project in collaboration with teachers at Henry Clay Elementary School and other civic groups to teach students about flower and vegetable gardening and healthy eating; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland Garden Club remains active in the community and decorates the Hanover Tavern and Scotchtown during the holiday season each year; and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the Ashland Garden Club planted daffodil bulbs around town to commemorate the club's centennial; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Ashland Garden Club 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 Ashland Garden Club as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the club's contributions to the Ashland community.

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