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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

Offered February 1, 2023

Commending the Martinsville Garden Club.

Patron—Stanley

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Garden Club, an organization dedicated to promoting interest in and knowledge of gardening, stimulating interest in civic planning, and aiding in the protection of native trees, shrubs, wild flowers, and birds, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, founded in April 1923, the Martinsville Garden Club joined the Garden Club of Virginia the following year and since that time has spearheaded numerous beautification and conservation efforts and landscaping projects in the communities of Martinsville and Henry County; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Garden Club's efforts over the years have benefited many prominent sites and organizations in the Martinsville area, including Oakwood Cemetery, the grounds of Memorial Hospital and the Historic Henry County Courthouse, local schools and service organizations, the Blue Ridge Regional Library, and Patrick Henry Community College; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Martinsville Garden Club had the notable distinction of co-sponsoring an exhibition at the Virginia Museum of Natural History titled Forgotten Garden; the organization also assisted with funding the installation of a garden surrounding the Big Chair in Uptown Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Garden Club's recent endeavors include a collaboration with the Gateway Streetscape Foundation to beautify areas in Martinsville and Henry County and to create pollinator gardens at the Smith River Sports Complex in Axton and Fairy Stone State Park in Patrick County; and

WHEREAS, since its early years, the Martinsville Garden Club has participated in statewide Historic Garden Week programs sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia, either through home tours or lectures, raising funds to support the renovation and preservation of historic gardens in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Garden Club, in conjunction with the Garden Club of Virginia, cultivates its members' interest in gardening, horticulture, and flower arranging through three annual flower shows devoted respectively to the daffodil, lily, and rose; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Martinsville Garden Club are the results of the tireless efforts of its members and their dedication to the organization's mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Martinsville Garden Club hereby be commended on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Martinsville Garden Club as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's history of contributions to the Commonwealth.

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