## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 706**

Commending the Olive Branch Little League on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 1995 Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 1995

WHEREAS, in 1954, the citizens of Portsmouth's Simonsdale-Hodges Manor communities saw the need for organized baseball for the youth of their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, with 40 players on four teams, playing on one field, the Olive Branch Little League was born; and

WHEREAS, by the early 1970s, the Olive Branch Little League recognized the need for a program for girls and established a softball program; and

WHEREAS, by 1994, its 40th anniversary, the Olive Branch Little League had grown to 44 teams playing on eight fields; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, thousands of parents, grandparents, children, and volunteers have participated in and contributed to the success of the Olive Branch Little League; and

WHEREAS, by teaching teamwork and fair play, the many Olive Branch Little League volunteers have contributed to the development of honest, productive, and decent citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly congratulate the Olive Branch Little League of Portsmouth on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Olive Branch Little League as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for continued success.