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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 982

Offered February 19, 2007

*Commending Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM on the 150th anniversary of its founding.*

Patrons—Cline; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, Mountain City Lodge No. 67 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM) is celebrating its 150th anniversary during 2007 and will host many festive and celebratory events; and

WHEREAS, Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM operated under dispensation from February 12, 1857, holding its first meeting under dispensation on March 2, 1857, in the Odd Fellows Hall and was formally chartered on December 15, 1857, by the Grand Lodge of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, at its founding, Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM had nine distinguished charter members, including James Campbell, Worshipful Master; Milton H. Key, Senior Warden; Edward L. Graham, Junior Warden; James R. Jordan, Robert M. Brown, John C. Boude, John D. Humphries, Richard Wallace, and Robert Campbell; and

WHEREAS, for 59 years, Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM held its meetings in various locations throughout the community and in 1916 purchased a building at the corner of Nelson and Jefferson Streets in Lexington where members continue to meet today; and

WHEREAS, Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM supports numerous charitable organizations in the community by contributing \$5,000 toward programs such as the local Boy Scout troops, Rockbridge Area Free Clinic, Rockbridge Area Relief Association, the Christmas Basket program, Relay for Life, Yellow Brick Road Early Learning Center, Rockbridge Area Hospice, The Salvation Army, and the Lexington Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM donates \$5,000 for two scholarships to deserving high school graduates each year; and

WHEREAS, Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a Grand Celebration to be held on September 29, 2007, and will be led during this celebratory year by Torben H. Pedersen, Worshipful Master; Warren G. Schmid, Secretary; Fred C. Vaughan, Sr., Senior Warden; Mark E. Riley, Junior Warden; Richard L. Kaufman, Treasurer; Robert R. Agnor III, Chaplain; Michael T. King, Junior Deacon; Gary K. Bulter, Senior Deacon; Arnold M. McKemy, Junior Steward; Joseph G. King, Senior Steward; and J. Nicholas King; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Worshipful Master Torben Pedersen and members of Mountain City Lodge No. 67 AF&AM as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration and success in its future projects.

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