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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

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Commending the Town of Elkton on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Patrons—Landes, Gilbert, Lohr and Saxman; Senators: Hanger and Obenshain

WHEREAS, the proud citizens of the Town of Elkton will celebrate their historic community's 100th anniversary in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elkton, located in northeast Rockingham County and bordered by the Blue Ridge Mountains to the east and the Massanutten Mountain range to the west, became incorporated on March 14, 1908; and

WHEREAS, with its vistas of the mountains, fertile farmland, and beautiful rural scenery, the Town of Elkton is named for the Elk Run stream; and the Norfolk and Western Railroad, United States Route 33, and the south fork of the Shenandoah River, a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts, all cut through the community; and

WHEREAS, the area of Elkton was first populated as a town during the American Revolutionary War and identified by the general store built in 1785 by George Conrad, and the post office, the communication hub of rural life, was located in Conrad's Store from 1816 to 1866; and

WHEREAS, the town's historic Jennings' House, built in 1840 by Dr. Simeon B. Jennings, was used as a confederate hospital during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, another important historic site, the Miller-Kite House, was built in 1827 by Henry Miller, Jr., and served as Stonewall Jackson's headquarters from April 19 to April 30, 1862, at the beginning of the Confederate general's intrepid spring Valley Campaign of 1862 through the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Jennings' House is now the home of the town hall and local government offices and the Miller-Kite House is a fascinating museum, displaying historic artifacts of the American Civil War and personal items belonging to General Jackson; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the Elkton Centennial Jubilee in 2008, the enthusiastic residents of the Town of Elkton will hold festive events and activities and sponsor displays and souvenirs commemorating the town's rich and diverse history and culture for the citizens of the region and the Commonwealth to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Elkton's numerous historic buildings will be highlighted during the Centennial Jubilee and an original film will be offered, featuring colorful narratives about town history and its inhabitants over the years, personal interviews by many residents retelling their ancestor's old stories, and other wonderful folklore that illuminates bygone days in the Town of Elkton; and

WHEREAS, Elkton is an enduring town with good schools and exceptional farms, businesses, and industry; spectacular tourist and recreational opportunities; and citizens dedicated to the preservation of the natural beauty of their community and the well-being of their neighbors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Town of Elkton 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 Centennial Jubilee Committee on behalf of the citizens of Elkton as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of the town's rich history and culture and best wishes for a festive centennial celebration.

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