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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 956

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Commending Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Patron—Wright

WHEREAS, Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 celebrates its historic 100th anniversary during 2009 and will host a special celebratory event in October; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 was initially formed on February 11, 1909, before the incorporation of the Town of Victoria; and

WHEREAS, three Masonic Lodges (Flat Rock Lodge No. 83, Reedy Creek Lodge No. 176, and Stokes Lodge No. 196) existed in Lunenburg County before the formation of the Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304, but all had ceased to exist by 1902; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 1908, several Masons in Victoria petitioned the Grand Lodge of Virginia to form a lodge in Victoria, and the Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 received a dispensation to meet until it could be formally recognized; and

WHEREAS, some of the founding members included J.T. Waddill; C.R. Stokes; F.L. Kendig; J.T. Banks; J.A. Banks; G.A. Bozeman; N.S. Turnbull, Jr.; R.S. Weaver; T.F. Williams; J.S. Moore; C.A. Abbitt; and L.A. Gallion; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 strives to make good men better through the teachings of Masonry and among its membership has counted two Grand Masters of Masons in Virginia, two Grand Lecturers, a president of The College of William and Mary, Superintendent of Education for Virginia, two state delegates, mayors of Victoria, town councilmen, and bank presidents; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 has supported numerous charitable organizations in the community and has helped the Town of Victoria grow and develop; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 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 Victoria Masonic Lodge No. 304 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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