

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 341

Commending the South Norfolk Ruritan Club.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017

WHEREAS, the South Norfolk Ruritan Club, one of the largest and most active clubs in the country, has worked for 38 years to build a stronger community through fellowship, goodwill, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, the first Ruritan Club was established in Virginia in 1928, and the organization has grown to serve more than 1,100 local communities; the South Norfolk Ruritan Club was chartered in 1979 to serve the historic South Norfolk neighborhood in Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, in its long history, the South Norfolk Ruritan Club has participated in a wide variety of community service projects, supporting local schools and veterans, and addressing other social and environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the South Norfolk Ruritan Club helped refurbish Cascade Park, a popular youth baseball field, and helped build a veterans memorial trail at Lakeside Park, which is also the site of an annual Fourth of July parade; and

WHEREAS, in addition to supporting and honoring local veterans, the South Norfolk Ruritan Club has cooked meals for on-duty law-enforcement officers and first responders and presents awards to outstanding public safety officers each year; and

WHEREAS, the South Norfolk Ruritan Club maintains a long relationship with Oscar Smith High School, supporting the orchestra, the football team, and class reunions, as well as providing scholarships to Oscar Smith High School seniors; and

WHEREAS, the South Norfolk Ruritan Club also serves local families through its Paint Your Heart Out program to rehabilitate homes and schools by supporting three food pantries and by donating Christmas gifts to children; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Norfolk Ruritan Club are leaders in a variety of career fields, and five members of the club have previously been honored as First Citizens of Chesapeake; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the South Norfolk Ruritan Club hereby be commended for its 38 years of service to the South Norfolk community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the South Norfolk Ruritan Club as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the club's commitment to enhancing the quality of life of all Chesapeake residents.

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