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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 452

Offered February 22, 2019

Commending Pearl Bevins Chew.

Patron—Campbell, R.R.

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Pearl Bevins Chew, a vibrant member of the Roanoke community who served the Commonwealth and the nation during World War II, celebrated her 101st birthday on January 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Wise, Pearl Bevins Chew was a witness to the seminal events of the 20th century from the Great Depression and World War II to the moon landing and the rise of the Internet era; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Pearl Bevins Chew joined the Women's Auxiliary State Police (WASP), which was formed to fill roles in the Virginia State Police vacated by men serving in the military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after two weeks of formal training, Pearl Bevins Chew was assigned to a license examiner in Richlands, where she completed several additional weeks of on-the-job training; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Bevins Chew served in Richlands for two years, then subsequently worked in Wytheville, Tazewell, Buchanan, Russell County, and Bland County, providing outstanding service to every community she served and the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Pearl Bevins Chew married her husband, Robert, and the couple proudly raised three children, Bobby, Cathy, and Martha; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Pearl Bevins Chew hereby be commended on the occasion of her 101st birthday in 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pearl Bevins Chew as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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