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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 453

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending the Rotary Club of Herndon.

Patrons—Boysko, Dance, Ebbin and Howell; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bell, John J., Convirs-Fowler and Kory

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Herndon celebrates 80 years of service to the Herndon community in 2019; and

WHEREAS, formed in June of 1939 with Ernest Shull as the first president, the 61-member Rotary Club of Herndon follows the International Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" in providing an opportunity for business leaders to serve people in Herndon and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Herndon raises approximately \$60,000 each year and the majority of the funds go directly back into the community; and

WHEREAS, members of the Rotary Club of Herndon generously serve the community by working with Herndon schools, providing art activities for the United Airlines Fantasy Flight at Dulles International Airport, and cohosting Senior Senior Prom with the Rotary Club of Reston; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Herndon sponsors and runs Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project in the Herndon area, providing free books to children from birth to the age of five; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Herndon provides scholarships to high school students to attend Northern Virginia Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Herndon also supports local community service organizations, such as HealthWorks for Northern Virginia, Herndon-Reston FISH, Cornerstones, and the Embry Rucker Community Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Herndon also supports international service projects, including providing clean drinking water for the 20,000 residents of Pignon, Haiti, providing basic sanitation facilities and water for residents of a rural South African village, and working toward the eradication of polio; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the Rotary Club of Herndon has used the innovative and creative ideas and business skills of its members as it has engaged in projects to raise funds; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Herndon created the Herndon-Reston community phone book, which is now published by other companies; and

WHEREAS, for the past 80 years, the Rotary Club of Herndon has provided its members with the opportunity to socialize with other business professionals and make valuable contributions to the Herndon and international communities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Rotary Club of Herndon look forward to continuing to work as part of Rotary International to have a positive impact on the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Rotary Club of Herndon on the occasion of its 80th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Erik Haas, president of the Rotary Club of Herndon, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration and gratitude for its service to the citizens of Herndon.