

## 2020 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 128

*Commending the James City Ruritan Club.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 2020  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2020

WHEREAS, the James City Ruritan Club of James City County celebrated its 80th anniversary in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, with the intent to foster a vibrant and prosperous community through fellowship, goodwill, and service, 41 citizens met on November 8, 1939, to form the James City Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, the charter members of the James City Ruritan Club were merchants, farmers, insurance agents, bankers, mechanics, postal carriers, educators, and government officials and represented the leaders from every corner of the James City community; and

WHEREAS, the vision of these charter members laid the foundation for the prosperity James City County enjoys today; over the years, the James City Ruritan Club was instrumental to the region's development, leading important ventures such as the founding of the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department, the establishment of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and Busch Gardens, the creation of Williamsburg Memorial Park, and the construction of many housing developments; and

WHEREAS, members of the James City Ruritan Club remain an important source of support for the community, generously donating over 2,000 service hours and \$8,000 annually to local and national civic organizations such as Camp Easter Seals, the Hospice of Williamsburg, Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross, James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department, Eastern State Hospital, the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce, the Boys Home of Virginia, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the James City Ruritan Club and its members have upheld the Ruritan ideals for the past eight decades, helping make James City County a wonderful place for families to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the James City Ruritan Club 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 the James City Ruritan Club as an expression of the General Assembly's profound respect and heartfelt admiration for its years of service to James City County and the Commonwealth.

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