

## 2020 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

Offered January 20, 2020

*Commending the Garden Club of Virginia.*

Patrons—Obenshain, Dunnavant, Lewis, Mason and Reeves; Delegates: Avoli, Cole, M.L., Delaney, Fowler, Freitas, Krizek, LaRock, Morefield, Orrock, Rasoul, Ware and Wilt

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of Virginia, founded on May 13, 1920, will observe the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the past century, the Garden Club of Virginia has grown from eight to 47 member clubs representing cities, towns, and rural areas across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, since 1920, initiatives sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia have contributed to the interpretation of historic properties, the protection of scenic viewsheds, and the conservation of natural resources in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since 1929, proceeds from its annual Historic Garden Week in Virginia have made possible the restoration and preservation of the gardens and landscapes of more than 50 historic landmarks throughout the Commonwealth, giving prominence to Virginia's unique and distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, Historic Garden Week in April attracts more than 26,000 visitors to Virginia from throughout the world, bringing significant economic benefit to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 1929, the Garden Club of Virginia advocated for the establishment of state parks in Virginia, and today, the organization continues to partner with Virginia State Parks to support programs and land stewardship throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of Virginia inspires Virginia's citizens to uphold the club's mission "to celebrate the beauty of the land, to conserve the gifts of nature, and to challenge future generations to build on this heritage"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Garden Club of Virginia for its service to the Commonwealth on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Garden Club of Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its significant contributions to the beauty of Virginia's landscape.

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