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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

Offered March 10, 2022

Commending the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre.

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WHEREAS, for 200 years, the Brentsville Courthouse, now operated as the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, has been a staple of community life in central Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, from 1822 to 1893, Brentsville served as the county seat of Prince William County and was a bustling community center, where people from throughout the region met to conduct business and trade or socialize with their fellow county residents; and

WHEREAS, the Brentsville Courthouse played an essential role in local life during that period, and people from throughout Prince William County would travel to Brentsville on monthly court days to vote or address legal matters; and

WHEREAS, today, the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre strives to preserve the legacy of this important period in local history and includes five historic buildings, the 1822 courthouse, 1822 jail, 1880 church, 1850 farmhouse, and a one-room schoolhouse that served the young children of Brentsville from 1929 to 1944; and

WHEREAS, the Brentsville Historic Courthouse Centre and Prince William Office of Historic Preservation will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the courthouse's construction with special events and activities on April 30, 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre hereby be commended on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the courthouse's construction; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Prince William Office of Historic Preservation as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the long history of the Brentsville Courthouse and contributions of the Brentsville community to the Commonwealth.

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