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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 561

Offered January 17, 2023

Commending the Town of McKenney.

Patrons—Taylor, Brewer and Wachsmann

WHEREAS, the Town of McKenney, a thriving rural community in Central Virginia, celebrated the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a town in 2022; and

WHEREAS, located in the southern part of Dinwiddie County, McKenney traces its roots to the late 19th century and the creation of a tavern known as San Marino; and

WHEREAS, in 1900, the Seaboard Air Line Railroad established a new line to support the logging industry in the region, and several mills, stables, saloons, and stores developed around the new station, Negley; and

WHEREAS, William Robertson McKenney, an attorney for the railroad, convinced his employer to rename the station McKenney, and the local post office adopted the name after relocating from San Marino; and

WHEREAS, early businesses in the community included the Wiley-Harker Lumber Company, the McKenney Planing Mill, and what was then known as the Bank of Dinwiddie, as well as numerous stores and other small businesses; and

WHEREAS, McKenney was officially incorporated as a town on March 22, 1922, and it remains the only incorporated town in Dinwiddie County; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, the Baskerville family began generating electricity at their mill on the Nottoway River, and McKenney was electrified shortly thereafter; the community was further enhanced in the 1930s and 1940s, when the Works Progress Administration led projects to construct a new town hall, sidewalks, and a water system with a water tower; and

WHEREAS, several buildings in McKenney are included on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Montrose House, Sappony Church, and Zehmer Farm; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, McKenney adopted its current town seal, which features a striking image of the town hall with the water tower in the background; and

WHEREAS, McKenney has continued to grow over the years and has maintained its small-town charms while developing new amenities for residents, ensuring that the community is a great place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Town of McKenney on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Town of McKenney as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the town's contributions to the history and heritage of the Commonwealth.

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