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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 356

Offered February 16, 2023

Commending the Clarksville Ruritan Club.

Patrons—Ruff; Delegate: Wright

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Clarksville Ruritan Club raised more than $235,000 through various endeavors and events to support more than 35 local organizations and countless members of the Clarksville community; and

WHEREAS, guided and motivated by the Ruritan slogan of "Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service," members of the Clarksville Ruritan Club volunteered thousands of hours to support the organization's thrift shop, Tuesday night bingo events, stew sales, Friday night dances, and other activities to raise money for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS, the money raised by the Clarksville Ruritan Club was distributed to a wide array of entities and individuals, touching every corner of Clarksville and helping people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of its members and the generosity of many enabled the Clarksville Ruritan Club to provide support to fire and rescue units responsible for public safety, thousands of dollars in scholarships for students and grants for teachers, donations to local sports associations and events, and contributions to the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Sweet Virginia Barn Cats; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville Ruritan Club has tended to underserved families in the community by funding the Backpack Buddies program and a local food bank, while also providing thousands of dollars of aid to special needs families and other individuals in need; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville Ruritan Club's munificence was also extended to the Mecklenburg County Cancer Association, the Clarksville Regional Museum, and other esteemed local organizations and institutions; and

WHEREAS, from Buffalo Road Park to the Clarksville 4th of July Parade, the imprint of the Clarksville Ruritan Club on its community is apparent to all and serves as a reminder of why Clarksville is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Clarksville Ruritan Club for raising more than $235,000 in 2022 to improve the quality of life in Clarksville and the surrounding areas; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Clarksville Ruritan Club as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.