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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 394

Offered February 20, 2023

*Commending the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Campbell, E.H.

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce, the chamber of commerce serving Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County, has provided local businesses with the tools and support to succeed and grow and has worked to strengthen the entire community; and

WHEREAS, established by a group of local business owners in 1923, what was then known as the Lexington Chamber of Commerce set out to advance the commercial, industrial, civic, and social interests of the town under the leadership of the organization's first president, Dr. Robert H. Tucker; and

WHEREAS, having grown to serve businesses throughout the region, the Lexington Chamber of Commerce voted in 1937 to change its name to the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce continued to expand and grow, helping to attract numerous new businesses to the area; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce founded what is now Leadership Rockbridge, which graduated more than 500 aspiring local leaders; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce initiated a program to discuss the future of the community and the region; the successful dialogue resulted in the creation of the Rockbridge 2020 program, an alumni-focused economic development program; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 500 members, an 18-member board of directors, and a dedicated staff, the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest business associations in the Shenandoah Valley, and it has helped to make the greater Rockbridge region into a thriving, dynamic community that is full of opportunities for businesses and residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce 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 Lexington-Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's work to help the Cities of Lexington and Buena Vista and Rockbridge County grow and prosper.

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