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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143

Offered March 8, 2022

Commending the Town of Windsor.

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WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor in Isle of Wight County celebrates the 120th anniversary of its founding on March 12, 2022, at the Windsor Town Center; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by its residents as "the heart of Isle of Wight County," the Town of Windsor exists in an area of Southeast Virginia originally known as Corrowaugh by indigenous Americans; and

WHEREAS, early settlements in the Town of Windsor area included a post office that was established in 1852 and renamed Windsor Station seven years later when the Norfolk & Petersburg Railway, now Norfolk Southern Railway, took over the route; and

WHEREAS, Windsor Station supported the Norfolk lumber industry in the second half of the 19th century, and in 1902, the Town of Windsor was incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly, with Charles T. King appointed as mayor and sworn in at the first town council meeting on April 11, 1902; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the Town of Windsor's municipal building was constructed, serving as both the locality's administrative center and its fire station; the building was then renovated 33 years later when a new firehouse was built and the former firetruck bays were converted into the town council's chamber; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor established the Windsor Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1971 and its police department in 1990, greatly fostering the safety and well-being of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, to guide the growth and development of the area over the years, the Town of Windsor formed the Windsor Planning Commission and a Board of Zoning Appeals and also implemented a Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance beginning in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Commonwealth approved the Town of Windsor's request to annex 2.82 square miles of Isle of Wight County, increasing the locality's size by nearly three square miles and its population by more than 1,300 people; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor held a celebratory event to commemorate its 120th anniversary that featured author Elizabeth Cooper, who discussed her book, *Norfolk Southern in Hampton Roads*, which explores the rail company that profoundly shaped history of the town and region; and

WHEREAS, for the past 120 years, countless Virginians have resided in the Town of Windsor and experienced what makes the Commonwealth such a wonderful place to call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Town of Windsor hereby be commended on the occasion of its 120th 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 Windsor as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the locality's history and its many contributions to the Commonwealth.

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