## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 196**

Commending Shenandoah County.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 14, 2022 Agreed to by the Senate, February 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Shenandoah County will celebrate the 250th anniversary of its founding in 2022; and WHEREAS, since its first indigenous inhabitants, almost 500 generations have called the Shenandoah County area home; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah County, originally known as Dunmore, was established by the General Assembly on March 24, 1772; and

WHEREAS, Dunmore was renamed Shenandoah County in 1778 to reflect the occupants' dedication to the patriot cause during the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the fertile lands of Shenandoah County have shaped the history of the area and allowed the region to become a leading agricultural producer; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah County has a strong history of local businesses, farms, healthcare, tourism, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah County continues to grow by capitalizing on its distinct character, diverse population, and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah County provides its citizens an award-winning education system, bountiful job opportunities, and a rich quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah County citizens value the county's history, treasured landmarks, neighborly spirit, and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the first 250 years of Shenandoah County have been fruitful in experiences and forward-looking ventures; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Shenandoah County will gather to commemorate their storied history and bright future throughout 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Shenandoah County on the occasion of its historic 250th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the chair of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations, admiration for the county's history and contributions to the Commonwealth, and best wishes in all its future endeavors.