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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

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Commending the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce.

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WHEREAS, the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce, a business association dedicated to the economic development and well-being of Fauquier County, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, formed in 1921, the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce has had an outsized impact on the business community of Fauquier County over the past century, becoming a leading advocate for both its members and the county's commercial interests; and

WHEREAS, as part of celebrations for its 100th anniversary, the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce announced its "One Hundred New Engagements Challenge," encouraging members to support one another by liking and following each other's respective social media accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce honored its centenary through its bimonthly "Chamber Chat" broadcasts on Facebook and by presenting Business Heroes of 2020 awards to recognize members who demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the association's mission during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, at its 100th anniversary gala in November 2021, the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce presented its "100 Bits of Gratitude Challenge," a compendium of writing and reflections by members of the association; and

WHEREAS, the numerous community events hosted by the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce, including its "One Hundred Mile Challenge" for walkers, runners, bikers, and swimmers, heralded the association's intention to focus on community engagement in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, through various regional partnerships, informative educational opportunities, and tireless advocacy for resources and support, the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce has helped ensure that the business community of Fauquier County will continue to thrive for another 100 years; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED FÜRTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marianne Clyde, chairman of the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the association's contributions to the Commonwealth.