

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 742

Offered June 27, 2024

3 *Commending the Rotary Club of Waynesboro.*

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6 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro, a noble and distinguished civic organization serving the
7 community of Waynesboro and beyond through a number of programs and initiatives, celebrates its 100th
8 anniversary in 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, the first organizational meeting of the Rotary Club of Waynesboro was held on December
10 12, 1924, at the Shenandoah Inn, with Colonel Morgan Hudgins elected president and Pliny Fishburne
11 elected vice president; and

12 WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro has met over lunch on Thursdays, first at the
13 General Wayne Hotel for more than 50 years, then at the Waynesboro Country Club from 1992 to 2020, and
14 most recently at Orchard Creek; and

15 WHEREAS, the first reported service project of the Rotary Club of Waynesboro involved beautifying the
16 grounds of the local library; the organization's members have since generously devoted their time and
17 treasure to a plethora of organizations and supported a variety of endeavors to assist youth and better the
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, as a testament to the dedication of its membership to the mission of the Rotary Foundation,
20 more than 200 members of the Rotary Club of Waynesboro have received Paul Harris Fellow awards over the
21 club's history; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1987, Doris Hulvey and Mary Ann Everly became the first women to join the Rotary Club
23 of Waynesboro; they were soon followed by others, including Flo Ayers, who was the first woman elected to
24 the organization's board of directors, and Kathleen Heatwole, who became the organization's first woman
25 president in 1994; and

26 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro donated more than
27 \$29,000 to assist local agencies in their response to the historic public health crisis; and

28 WHEREAS, to commemorate its centennial, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro has collaborated with local
29 partners to establish a traffic playground in an area of the South River Preserve, creating a community
30 resource that will promote well-being by improving young people's understanding of traffic rules and safety;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, through visionary leadership and the indefatigable efforts of its volunteer members, the
33 Rotary Club of Waynesboro has helped to make Waynesboro a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a
34 family; now, therefore, be it

35 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Rotary Club of Waynesboro hereby be commended on
36 the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

37 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
38 presentation to the Rotary Club of Waynesboro as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the
39 organization's history and legacy of service.

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