

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 818

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3 *Commending the Town of Wise.*
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9 WHEREAS, the Town of Wise, a community located on the majestic Appalachian Plateau that is rich in
10 historic, scenic, and natural resources and has played an important role in the region, celebrates the 100th
11 anniversary of its founding in 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, Wise County was formed in 1856 and named for Henry A. Wise, who was the sitting
13 Governor of Virginia at the time; the Town of Wise, originally known as Gladeville, was incorporated in
14 1874 and adopted its current name in 1924; and

15 WHEREAS, there are multiple historical sites in the Town of Wise, including the Inn at Wise, the Wise
16 County Courthouse, and the E.M. Fulton House, as well as a historical marker commemorating the raid on
17 the town during the Civil War; and

18 WHEREAS, as the county seat of Wise County, the Town of Wise became an important commercial,
19 legal, and cultural center in the region while maintaining its unique, rural charms; and

20 WHEREAS, the Town of Wise is notably home to the University of Virginia's College at Wise, which
21 was established as Clinch Valley College in 1954 to provide convenient access to higher education for the
22 residents of Southwest Virginia; the institution has since welcomed countless students to the region and has
23 grown to become one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation; and

24 WHEREAS, the Town of Wise places a high emphasis on the preservation of the Commonwealth's
25 natural resources and provides countless opportunities for outdoor recreation to local residents and visitors
26 alike; and

27 WHEREAS, over the years, the Town of Wise has cultivated a strong sense of community that promotes
28 and preserves the traditions of Appalachian culture and a mountain lifestyle, making it a wonderful place to
29 visit, live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Town of Wise hereby be commended on the occasion of
31 its 100th anniversary; and, be it

32 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
33 presentation to the Town of Wise as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the community's
34 legacy of contributions to the region and the Commonwealth.

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