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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2142

Offered June 18, 2026

Commending Chiles Family Orchards.

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WHEREAS, Chiles Family Orchards in Crozet set a Guinness World Record for the heaviest peach, which was verified on September 10, 2025, with a peach weighing 828.5 grams, or approximately one pound, 13 ounces; and

WHEREAS, Chiles Family Orchards, which has been in operation for over a century, first as a commercial production and later as a collective of “pick your own” ventures, is led today by owner and fifth-generation grower Henry Chiles; and

WHEREAS, by offering the community local, fresh produce and an opportunity to engage with the horticultural process, Chiles Family Orchards has become a beloved institution in the Greater Charlottesville community; and

WHEREAS, Chiles Family Orchards' world's heaviest peach was the product of an unusual early April frost, which left fewer fruit for each tree to support, and a wet spring and early summer, which helped generate exceptionally large fruit; and

WHEREAS, Chiles Family Orchards is producing a replica of its world-record-setting fruit to display at its orchards, giving patrons the opportunity to appreciate and celebrate this extraordinary agricultural feat; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Chiles Family Orchards hereby be commended for setting the Guinness World Record for heaviest peach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Henry Chiles, owner of Chiles Family Orchards, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the farm's achievement and best wishes for its continued success.

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