

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 641

Commending the Town of Wise.

Agreed to by the Senate, July 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Town of Wise hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

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

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