

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 744

Offered February 2, 2021

Commending The Chatham Garden Club.

Patrons-- Adams, L.R. and Marshall; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, for 100 years, The Chatham Garden Club has worked to enhance the quality of life in Chatham and throughout Pittsylvania County by supporting beautification efforts and promoting the importance of green spaces and horticulture; and

WHEREAS, The Chatham Garden Club was established at a Daughters of the American Revolution meeting in 1921; the organization has grown from its 20 charter members to comprise 46 members in 2020, and has benefited from the leadership of 52 presidents in its history; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, The Chatham Garden Club released its first yearbook, titled "How We Can Beautify Chatham," and has continued to offer valuable insights on community beautification every year since; and

WHEREAS, that same year, The Chatham Garden Club joined the Garden Club of Virginia, becoming the first club admitted after the original eight founding clubs; the club has since participated in the statewide Historic Garden Week in Virginia 91 times; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, The Chatham Garden Club organized the Chatham Council of Garden Clubs to coordinate with local clubs and better serve the town; notably, the clubs maintain the landscaping at Chatham Town Hall and the Pruden Street parking lot; and

WHEREAS, The Chatham Garden Club restored the original Pittsylvania County Clerk's Office building in Callands and presented the site to the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors as part of the club's 50th anniversary celebration in 1971; and

WHEREAS, The Chatham Garden Club commemorated the start of its centennial year on September 2, 2020, with the planting of a redbud tree, and will continue to host celebrations and special events until June 2, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Chatham Garden Club on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The Chatham Garden Club as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy of service to the community.