## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 522**

## By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Highland Park Ruritan Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are composed of concerned citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is Highland Park Ruritan Club, which will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on October 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, composed of individuals who are dedicated to building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and service to community, Ruritan is a national community service organization formed to create a better understanding among people and, through volunteer community service, make this nation's communities better places in which to work and live; and

WHEREAS, founded in Holland, Virginia, in 1928, Ruritan National now has approximately 30,000 members living in 1,400 communities in twenty-five states; and

WHEREAS, since being chartered on October 23, 1967, Highland Park Ruritan Club has assiduously promoted the well-being of local citizens through a wide variety of worthy projects; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park Ruritan Club has raised more than one million dollars through various projects to benefit students, veterans, and community needs; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty years, Highland Park Ruritan has proudly displayed the American flag at participating businesses in its community; and

WHEREAS, as befits their sterling reputation earned through fifty years of dedicated public service, the members of Highland Park Ruritan Club have worked countless hours to

make their community a vibrant and compassionate place of which every resident can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of this laudable organization are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State; as an ambassador of those very precepts, Highland Park Ruritan Club should be especially recognized on the occasion of its fiftieth year of proud service to its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the members of Highland Park Ruritan Club in celebrating the club's fiftieth anniversary, commend them on five decades of exemplary service to their community, this State, and our nation, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.