

**RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION  
TO FOUNDERS, CHARTER AND SUCCEEDING MEMBERS  
OF THE  
HOLLAND RURITAN CLUB**



Whereas J.J. (Jack) Gwaltney and Tom V. Downing guided an idea for community improvement through a Vo-Ag related adult study group early in 1928; and

Whereas in April, 1928, Jack Gwaltney called together a representative group of citizens in the Holland, Virginia community to consider the formation of an organization which would serve the local community; and

Whereas the organizational meeting of the first Ruritan Club met in the Holland Hotel on May 21, 1928; and

Whereas 35 men became Charter members of the Holland Ruritan Club; and

Whereas the Constitution and By-Laws were passed in June, 1928, when the club became a full-fledged civic organization with a full slate of officers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Ruritan National in action at its April, 2008, meeting declare its gratitude to the Charter members of the Holland Ruritan club, all its succeeding members and its 2008 membership for their inspiration to all Ruritans; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Holland Ruritan club be designated the Mother Club of Ruritan; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution of Gratitude be read and presented at appropriate times at the 2008 Founders' Day Celebration; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution be spread upon the National Board of Directors' minutes and presented again at an appropriate time at the 2009 National Ruritan Convention.