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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2671**

Offered January 26, 2009

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 1-510 of the Code of Virginia, relating to official designations; Cabin Capital of Virginia.*

Patrons—Gilbert, Plum and Shuler

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Rules

Whereas, tourism is an important industry for Luray and Page Counties, generating \$4.5 million in state and local tax revenue; and

Whereas, Page County's location in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, attracts travelers from around the world; and

Whereas, Page County has one of the largest and most unique offerings of cabins, more than 250 in total, hosting tens of thousands of Americans and international visitors experiencing Virginia's year-round beauty; and

Whereas, the vast number of cabins in Page County make the area a top destination to enjoy the region's beauty and nature, with nearby destinations including Luray Caverns, Shenandoah National Park, the Shenandoah River, and numerous Virginia farm wineries that complement the cabin experience; and

Whereas, tourism is one of the most powerful industries in Virginia, generating \$18.7 billion in revenue, supporting 210,000 jobs, and providing \$1.2 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

Whereas, Page County is an important partner in the state's tourism industry that features one of the most diverse and high-quality collections of cabin lodging properties in the Commonwealth; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 1-510 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 1-510. Official emblems and designations.

The following are hereby designated official emblems and designations of the Commonwealth:

Artisan Center - "Virginia Artisans Center," located in the City of Waynesboro.

Bat - Virginia Big-eared bat ( *Corynorhinos townsendii virginianus*).

Beverage - Milk.

Blue Ridge Folklore State Center - Blue Ridge Institute located in the village of Ferrum.

Boat - "Chesapeake Bay Deadrise."

*Cabin Capital of Virginia - Page County.*

Covered Bridge Capital of the Commonwealth - Patrick County.

Covered Bridge Festival - Virginia Covered Bridge Festival held in Patrick County.

Dog - American Foxhound.

Emergency medical services museum - "To The Rescue," located in the City of Roanoke.

Fish - Brook Trout.

Fleet - Replicas of the three ships, Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery, which comprised the Commonwealth's founding fleet that brought the first permanent English settlers to Jamestown in 1607, and which are exhibited at the Jamestown Settlement in Williamsburg.

Flower - American Dogwood ( *Cornus florida*).

Folk dance - Square dancing, the American folk dance that traces its ancestry to the English Country Dance and the French Ballroom Dance, and is called, cued, or prompted to the dancers, and includes squares, rounds, clogging, contra, line, the Virginia Reel, and heritage dances.

Fossil - Chesapeake jeffersonius.

Gold mining interpretive center - Monroe Park, located in the County of Fauquier.

Insect - Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly ( *Papilio glaucus* Linne).

Motor sports museum - "Wood Brothers Racing Museum and Virginia Motor Sports Hall of Fame," located in Patrick County.

Outdoor drama - "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama," adapted for the stage by Clara Lou Kelly and performed in the Town of Big Stone Gap.

Outdoor drama, historical - "The Long Way Home" based on the life of Mary Draper Ingles, adapted for the stage by Earl Hobson Smith, and performed in the City of Radford.

Shell - Oyster shell ( *Crassostrea virginica*).

INTRODUCED

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- 59** Song emeritus - "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," by James A. Bland, as set out in the House Joint  
**60** Resolution 10, adopted by the General Assembly of Virginia at the Session of 1940.  
**61** Sports hall of fame - "Virginia Sports Hall of Fame," located in the City of Portsmouth.  
**62** War memorial museum - "Virginia War Museum," (formerly known as the War Memorial Museum  
**63** of Virginia), located in the City of Newport News.