HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 972

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Commending the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine.

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25 26 Patrons—Mathieson, Bell, Hogan, Hull, Janis, Lewis, Morrissey, O'Bannon, Peace and Poindexter; Senators: Marsh, Martin and Stosch

WHEREAS, the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine is commended on the occasion of its 10th anniversary for its contributions to the administration of justice and leadership in forensic education, training, and information; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine was founded in 1999 as a private nonprofit educational organization; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine is organized exclusively to provide sophisticated education and scientific opportunities in the area of crime and death investigation; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual capital of the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine's education, training, and research is the sum of the contributions of more than 250 faculty members from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine is to strengthen and improve the administration of justice by educating and training forensic scientists, forensic pathologists, and law enforcement and legal and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine is an innovator that ensures a union of science, medicine, education, business, and the justice system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for the Institute's contributions to education in the fields of forensic science and medicine.