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Commemorating Henricus Historical Park and the Henricus Foundation on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Citie of Henricus in 1611.

Patrons—Cox, M.K., Carr, Dance, Ingram, Janis, Loupassi, Massie, McClellan, McQuinn, Morrissey, O'Bannon, Peace, Robinson and Ware, R.L.; Senators: Marsh, Martin, McEachin, Stosch and Watkins

WHEREAS, in 1611 Sir Thomas Dale and 300 men and boys established the Citie of Henricus in an effort to save the British colonization effort in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Citie of Henricus was home to colonial America's first hospital, first chartered university, and first cash crop, and marks the place where Pocahontas was educated, converted to Christianity, and courted by her future husband, John Rolfe; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Henricus Historical Park and the Henricus Foundation commemorate these important contributions during the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Citie of Henricus; and

WHEREAS, today, with support from the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico, Henricus Historical Park and the Henricus Foundation offer a living history museum at this historic site for the education and enrichment of the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, professional living history interpreters at Henricus Historical Park demonstrate daily seventeenth century life in this recreated colonial settlement for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, professional educators at Henricus Historical Park provide valuable hands-on lessons to thousands of schoolchildren each year from kindergarten through the twelfth grade in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, partnering with the Cameron Foundation, Henricus Historical Park and the Henricus Foundation provide important outreach education programs for thousands of children in the Commonwealth who are unable to visit the Citie of Henricus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Henricus Historical Park and the Henricus Foundation on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Citie of Henricus; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of Henricus Historical Park and the Henricus Foundation as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the organization for its commitment to history and education for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America.

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