

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 354

Commending the Archeological Society of Virginia.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 2015
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2015

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Archeological Society of Virginia has raised awareness of the benefits of archeology, inspired generations of young archeologists, and encouraged individuals and communities to take an active role as stewards of the Commonwealth's historical resources; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1940, the Archeological Society of Virginia was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1963; with 600 members in 16 chapters, the society unites citizen scientists and professional archeologists; and

WHEREAS, headquartered at Kittiewan Plantation, a historic 720-acre farm in Charles City County, the Archeological Society of Virginia promotes the study of archeology and anthropology through publications, meetings, lectures, and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Archeological Society of Virginia encourages the proper handling, storage, and study of artifacts and conservation of archeological sites; the society collaborates with other entities to preserve artifacts and cultural sites facing damage or destruction due to rising sea levels or other threats; and

WHEREAS, the Archeological Society of Virginia trains citizens in the proper study of and care for archeological resources through the Archeological Technician Certification Program, which has served as a model for other states; students gain valuable experience while expanding the study of prehistoric and historic sites and collections; and

WHEREAS, the Archeological Society of Virginia keeps its members connected through an annual statewide meeting and an award-winning quarterly journal on archeology in the Commonwealth; the society maintains strong relationships with the Department of Historic Resources and peer organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Archeological Society of Virginia on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carole Nash, president of the Archeological Society of Virginia, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the society's work to safeguard the Commonwealth's valuable historical resources.

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