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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 784

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Commending Pocahontas State Park.

Patrons—Cox, Adams, D.M., Coyner and Robinson

WHEREAS, for 75 years, Pocahontas State Park has provided opportunities for outdoor recreation to the residents of Central Virginia and visitors from around the Commonwealth and the world; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas State Park traces its origins to the 1930s, when the Civilian Conservation Corps built the Swift Creek Recreational Demonstration Area in Chesterfield County; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service subsequently donated the area to the Commonwealth, and the renamed Pocahontas State Park officially opened on June 6, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas State Park welcomed 500 people to its grand opening celebration in 1946, and it remains the largest state park in the Commonwealth, accommodating almost one million visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas State Park maintains a network of scenic hiking trails, internationally acclaimed mountain biking trails, three lakes for fishing, an aquatic recreation center, an award-winning interpretative program, and numerous options for camping and special events; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas State Park is home to the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, which preserves the history of the agency in the Commonwealth through photographs and other artifacts; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas State Park will commemorate its 75 years of service to the Commonwealth with special events throughout 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Pocahontas State Park hereby be commended on the occasion of its 75th 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 Department of Conservation and Recreation as an expression of the House of Delegates' appreciation for the important roles Pocahontas State Park plays in tourism and conservation in Central Virginia.

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