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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

Offered February 24, 1995

*Commending the Rappahannock Preservation Society.*

Patron—Murphy

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Preservation Society has undertaken an innovative reef-building project in the tidal waters of the lower Rappahannock River; and

WHEREAS, this unique project uses recycled construction material from the renovation of the Robert O. Norris, Jr. Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the recycled concrete decking, donated by the bridge contractor, the McLean Contracting Company, is used to construct reefs that the Society hopes will provide a viable habitat for oysters; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their potential for helping Virginia's seriously ailing oyster industry, the reefs should prove a boon to sport fishermen in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Preservation Society's reef-building project, consisting of two existing reefs with two more in the planning stage, is improving a fishery owned by the citizens of Virginia without using state or federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Preservation Society's project is remarkably innovative, combining private donations, recycling, and cooperation among private and public entities to improve a public resource without the expenditure of public funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Rappahannock Preservation Society be hereby commended for its creative efforts on behalf of the Rappahannock River fishery; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Rappahannock Preservation Society as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its achievements.

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