HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 474

Commending the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2017

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History, an agency of the Secretary of Natural Resources, that will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its current facility in Martinsville on March 31, 2017, is commemorating 2017 as "The Year of Discovery"; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History will celebrate "The Year of Discovery" with a series of anniversaries, commemorations and unveilings throughout 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History will partner with fellow Natural Resource agencies, visitor centers, historic sites and other visitor destinations throughout the year to promote the theme of discovery across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History will host the 30th annual Thomas Jefferson Awards on March 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History will hold its 10th anniversary gala on April 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History will host its 10th anniversary Dino Day Festival, July 21-22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Museum of Natural History will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the display of a Stegosaurus recently donated to Virginia by the Smithsonian; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Museum of Natural History hereby be commended for its "Year of Discovery" celebration in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Museum of Natural History for prominent display at its facility at 21 Starling Avenue in Martinsville.