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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 566

Offered January 20, 2023

*Commending Waller Mill Park.*

Patrons—Batten and Mullin; Senators: Mason and Norment

WHEREAS, Waller Mill Park, a cherished destination in Williamsburg offering visitors exceptional opportunities to immerse themselves in the beauty and grandeur of nature, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Waller Mill Park spans 2,705 wooded acres close to downtown Williamsburg, James City County, and York County and contains the Waller Mill Reservoir, a 360-acre lake where many enjoy fishing and boating; and

WHEREAS, approximately three decades after the City of Williamsburg purchased the Waller Mill Reservoir, Waller Mill Park was established with the support of a federal grant in 1972, and the city continues to invest in the park's development; and

WHEREAS, Waller Mill Park has picnic areas and a dog park in which families and the community can gather, as well as playgrounds, a disc golf course, and hiking trails for those seeking recreation in nature; and

WHEREAS, Waller Mill Park waived vehicle entrance fees and provided 50 complimentary boat rentals and disc golf rentals on both Saturday and Sunday of its weekend celebration to encourage community members to come to the park to join in the festivities; and

WHEREAS, as Williamsburg and the surrounding areas continue to grow and thrive, Waller Mill Park's value as a refuge in nature increases, attracting many who seek the peace and serenity of the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, today, the Waller Mill Reservoir at Waller Mill Park greatly supports the water needs of the City of Williamsburg, making the locality one of the only jurisdictions in the Virginia Peninsula that owns its own water supply; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of Waller Mill Park and the opportunities for recreation that it supports are an integral part of what makes Williamsburg a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Waller Mill Park on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the staff of Waller Mill Park as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the park and its history.

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