

## 2023 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 300

*Commending the Virginia Academy of Science.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2023

WHEREAS, the Virginia Academy of Science, an organization dedicated to promoting the advancement of science in the Commonwealth, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the science community of the Commonwealth founded the Virginia Academy of Science in 1923, with its first meeting being held at The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, the early members of the Virginia Academy of Science sought to expand communication and cooperation across the Commonwealth among all branches of science and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Academy of Science helped to establish Virginia State Parks in 1936, fostering greater opportunities for individuals and families to enjoy the natural wonders of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Academy of Science created the Junior Academy of Science in 1940 to promote and expand science education and research experiences for all middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Academy of Science helped to establish the Science Museum of Virginia in 1970, creating a world-class institution where individuals and families could explore scientific concepts and ideas; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the Virginia Academy of Science has advised the Commonwealth's governors, legislators, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Academy of Science continues to fund scientific research for the good of our society, for the education of our students, and for the improvement of knowledge in the areas of science and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Academy of Science continues to pursue its mission to maintain in the Commonwealth an association for science across all branches and disciplines, including for scientific education and research; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Academy of Science will celebrate its centennial during its annual meeting in May 2023 at The College of William and Mary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Academy of Science on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Academy of Science as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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