

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 404

Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Virginia Institute of Marine  
Science of the College of William & Mary.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. WITTMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Virginia Insti-  
tute of Marine Science of the College of William & Mary.

Whereas the Virginia General Assembly, with Professor Don-  
ald W. Davis of the College of William & Mary, envi-  
sioned a center for marine research and education in the  
Commonwealth of Virginia;

Whereas the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (referred to  
in this preamble as “VIMS”), originally known as the  
Virginia Fisheries Laboratory, began operation in 1940;

Whereas the early work of VIMS assured the future of the  
fishery industry in Virginia by improving the general  
knowledge of the resources of fisheries so that they might  
be properly conserved and managed, and by meeting the  
need for training in practical marine biology;

Whereas VIMS is now the home of the School of Marine Sciences of the College of William & Mary, a university research and teaching center with a strong element of public service, and is the leading marine center that focuses on estuarine and coastal environments in the nation; and

Whereas VIMS continues to serve the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States by advancing the frontiers of marine science and sharing the knowledge gained through research with the users and stewards of the environment and future scientists: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) congratulates the College of William & Mary  
3               and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science on the  
4               75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Virginia Institute of Marine  
5               Science; and

6               (2) expresses appreciation for the 75 years of  
7               service to the environment by the faculty, staff, and  
8               students of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
9               and the School of Marine Sciences of the College of  
10              William & Mary.

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