

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting efforts to direct the United States Secretary of the
2 Interior to study the feasibility of designating the Captain
3 John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a
4 national historic trail.

5 WHEREAS, Our nation will celebrate the 400th anniversary of
6 the founding of Jamestown in 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Captain John Smith's leadership and courage were
8 instrumental in establishing the colony; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain John Smith and his 12-man crew explored
10 almost 3,000 miles of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Captain John Smith's vivid descriptions of the
13 Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries inspired exploration and
14 settlement of the New World; and

15 WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in the United States
16 Senate to direct the United States Secretary of the Interior to
17 study the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith
18 Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic

1 trail; and

2 WHEREAS, Designation of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake
3 National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail would
4 provide rich opportunities for education, recreation and
5 heritage tourism for the 16 million Americans living in the
6 Chesapeake Bay watershed and for visitors to the region; and

7 WHEREAS, Designation of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake
8 National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail would
9 complement the more than 645 miles of existing water trails in
10 the Susquehanna River Basin of this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The Susquehanna River supplies more than 50% of the
12 fresh water of the Chesapeake Bay; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support efforts to direct the
15 United States Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility
16 of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National
17 Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail.