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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WEBSTER, YOUNGBLOOD, ROZZI, HILL-EVANS AND McCLINTON,
JUNE 23, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JUNE 23, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a model of effective
2 interstate and intergovernmental relations and policymaking,
3 on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay Commission is a tri-state
5 government entity of the legislative branches of Maryland,
6 Pennsylvania and Virginia, required by current statute to
7 assist, advise, recommend and "enhance the functions, powers,
8 and duties" of each state's General Assembly regarding
9 Chesapeake Bay law and policy; and

10 WHEREAS, Chesapeake Bay Commission member state delegations
11 are comprised of seven members, with two members representing
12 each senate, three members representing each house, one member
13 representing each governor and one member a citizen-at-large;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay Commission is a bipartisan,
16 objective entity tasked with identifying concerns requiring

1 interjurisdictional coordination and cooperation, collecting,
2 analyzing and disseminating information pertaining to the region
3 and its resources for the respective legislative bodies,
4 recommending legislative and administrative actions necessary to
5 encourage effective and cooperative management of the Chesapeake
6 Bay and representing the common interests of the member states
7 as they are affected by the activities of the Federal
8 Government; and

9 WHEREAS, The chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission is a
10 member of the Chesapeake Executive Council and signatory of the
11 Chesapeake Bay agreements, representing the legislative branches
12 of the member states; and

13 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay Commission serves as the official
14 legislative arm of the multijurisdictional Chesapeake Bay
15 Program and is the designated regional liaison to the Congress
16 of the United States for Chesapeake Bay law and policy; and

17 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay Commission first convened on
18 December 17, 1980, and in four decades since has championed
19 important legislative and policy initiatives at the Federal and
20 State level, including bi-state blue crab management, nutrient
21 management, agricultural conservation funding and open space
22 preservation, among other issues and initiatives; and

23 WHEREAS, These initiatives have contributed to noticeable
24 signs of improvement in the Chesapeake Bay, despite significant
25 growth of the human population in the watershed over the same
26 time period; and

27 WHEREAS, The role of the Chesapeake Bay Commission is even
28 more necessary today as its member states face a 2025 deadline
29 to achieve nutrient and sediment reduction goals for the
30 Chesapeake Bay; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
2 Chesapeake Bay Commission, a model of effective interstate and
3 intergovernmental relations and policymaking, on the occasion of
4 its 40th anniversary.