

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 864

Commending the Washington Heritage Museums.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, the Washington Heritage Museums preserves four historic properties in the Fredericksburg region and interprets them through inclusive narratives that inspire an engaging and enduring understanding of the Washington family; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Heritage Museums strives to connect broad and diverse audiences with the ever-evolving history of its historic properties and build a community supportive of their preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Heritage Museums took over management of the Mary Washington Monument site from the City of Fredericksburg in 2023 to preserve and improve the property, ensure access is equitable for all visitors, and provide educational information throughout the site; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Heritage Museums honors and preserves the history of Mary Ball Washington, the mother of America's first president and celebrated Revolutionary War General, George Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Heritage Museums tells the story of Mary Ball Washington's perseverance and dedication to family, including how her sacrifice and steadfast resolve to provide for her children as a single mother in 18th-century Virginia society were critical to George Washington's development into the leader he became and how, in his own words, "Everything I have, I owe to my mother"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Washington Heritage Museums hereby be commended for its work to connect broad and diverse audiences with the ever-evolving history of its historic properties and honor the memory of Mary Ball Washington; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Washington Heritage Museums as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's vital mission and contributions to the Fredericksburg community.

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