

SUPPORT HJ84 / SJ37

Topic: Commending the Friends of Dyke Marsh
Bill Patron: Delegate Paul Krizek / Senator Scott Surovell

OVERVIEW:

The House and Senate Joint Resolutions commend the Friends of Dyke Marsh on its 50th anniversary in 2026 for five decades of work to preserve, restore, and advocate for Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, a nationally significant freshwater tidal wetland in Fairfax County.

REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- Friends of Dyke Marsh is part of a broader network of conservation organizations (including as a Dogwood Partner of the Virginia Conservation Network) that provide meaningful, on-the-ground stewardship, public education, and advocacy.
- The resolution highlights how long-term, community-rooted partners working with the National Park Service are essential to sustaining complex wetland systems like Dyke Marsh in the face of erosion and climate change.
- By formally recognizing Friends of Dyke Marsh, the General Assembly affirms the importance of investing in local conservation leadership to protect wetlands that deliver regional benefits for resilience, biodiversity, and water quality.



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