Favorable HB169/ SB0064 State Designations - State Natural History Museum - Natural History Society of Maryland

Sponsors Del. Allen /Sen. Klausmeier 3/13 1:00

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Dear Chair Pena Melnyk and Committeemembers,

As a Master Naturalist and a grandparent, I ask you to please support this bill. Children and adults love learning about the natural world, and what better way to do this than to experience the programs, lectures, workshops and courses offered by the Natural History Society of Maryland at the amazing Natural History Society Museum, which houses 200,000 natural history specimens and artifacts dating back to the 1800's.

From the Ice Age Exhibit featuring the Wooly Mammoth, to a trip to Hershey Park Butterfly House for a private tour, to learning about shells of the world, and lichens in my own backyard—- the wide variety of fascinating science subjects offered by the NHSM have left me filled with wonder and brimming with curiosity to learn more. My daughter and her daughters have also learned so much in programs they've experienced.

Please vote Favorable on this bill and designate the NHSM Maryland's State Natural History Museum. And please visit or take a class —it'll make you proud!

Thank you, Maureen Fine