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I'm writing to support HB 0169 naming the Natural Society of Maryland The official State Natural History Museum

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

The Natural History Society has existed for over a century with committed membership, strong volunteer and public support. The Society has created the finest natural history collection in Maryland and together with excellent public outreach made that collection as widely accessible as their available space, programs and resources have permitted.

It is NOW appropriate to recognize these efforts and provide an official state name to encourage the further support and growth of their efforts. The change of name provided by this Bill is a first step to strengthen their public visibility and growth as an historic educational, and public asset to the state.

The Maryland Forestry Foundation strongly supports HB 169 and urges a favorable report and swift action to advance the recognition needed to provide our state with a resource that can only grow in value to the citizens of Maryland.

Sincerely,

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