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**BILL NO.:** **HB 173**

**TITLE:** State Designations – State Natural Science Museum – Natural Society of Maryland

**SPONSOR:** Delegate Allen

**COMMITTEE:** Government, Labor, and Elections

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

**DATE:** March 17, 2026

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 173 – State Designations – State Natural Science Museum – Natural Society of Maryland. This bill will designate the Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural science museum.

Since the Natural History Society’s move in 2006 to 6908 Belair Road in Overlea, Baltimore County, it remains an important educational resource and community development lynchpin. The Society offers a range of activities from a neighborhood nature hike, a workshop on butterflies, a plant identification course, and anything in between. The society strives to bring educational and engaging nature-based opportunities to communities, schools, and families.

They offer educational programs every year, including in-person lectures and tours, with dedicated staff and experts who are passionate about their craft. The Natural History Society has been a cornerstone for communities and should be recognized for the educational insight it provides to the public.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 173 from the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee. For more information, contact State Legislative Officer, Kayenda Twesigye at [ktwesigye@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:ktwesigye@baltimorecountymd.gov).