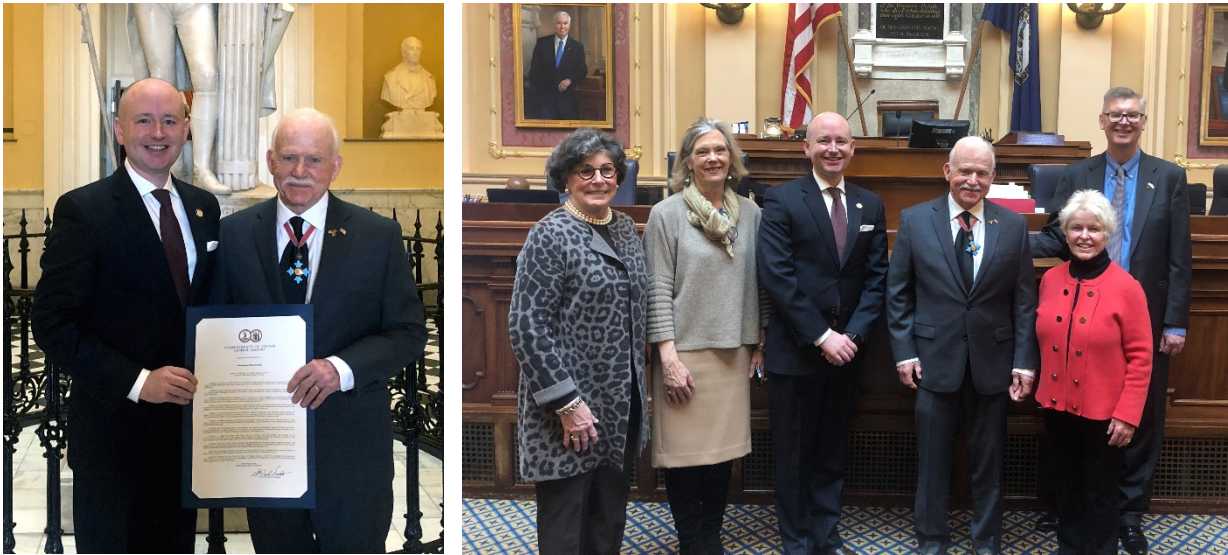


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Virginia House of Delegates honors Dr. William “Bill” Kelso with House Joint Resolution



LEFT: Delegate Mike Mullin (left) and Dr. William Kelso, Jamestown Emeritus Director of Archaeology & Research (right)

RIGHT: (from left to right) Preservation Virginia Board Chair, Patti Loughridge; Preservation Virginia Chief Executive Officer, Elizabeth Kostelny; Delegate Mike Mullin, Jamestown Emeritus Director of Archaeology & Research, Dr. William Kelso and his wife Ellen; Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation President, Dr. James Horn

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On Wednesday, January 30, 2019, Dr. William Kelso stood before a full session of the Virginia House of Delegates at the State Capitol in Richmond, VA to receive House Joint Resolution No. 734 honoring the extraordinary archaeological discoveries at Jamestown. Kelso led the archaeological team who found the original site of James Fort, which for centuries was presumed lost to the James River due to erosion. This year, Kelso and the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation celebrate the 25th anniversary of not only locating the original James Fort, but unearthing nearly 3 million artifacts since the project began.

In his remarks, Delegate Mike Mullin described Dr. Kelso as his “personal hero” and “Virginia’s very own Indiana Jones.” Kelso received an enthusiastic standing ovation from the chamber upon presentation of the Resolution. As written, it is “an expression of the General Assembly’s admiration for his pivotal work to preserve the history and heritage of the Commonwealth and the United States.” Joined by his wife Ellen, board members, and fellow colleagues from Preservation Virginia and the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation, Kelso states that he is “thrilled and humbled by this recognition and is honored to be part of this extraordinary team.”

Historic Jamestowne is jointly administered by the National Park Service and Jamestown Rediscovery and preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Entrance to the site is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Historic Jamestowne Visitor Center is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and the grounds remain open until dusk. General admission is \$20.00 per adult (which includes both Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield for seven consecutive days). Children 15 & under are free. National Park Passes and Preservation Virginia Memberships are accepted; however a \$5 per person fee may apply. For further information, visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.