

September 24, 2015

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all who are gathered for the Virginia Living Museum's Black Bear Family Sculpture dedication ceremony honoring your fiftieth anniversary.

This event is an occasion to honor the strength of the mission that characterizes the Virginia Living Museum. For fifty years, the Museum has connected visitors with nature and encouraged conservation. You have provided the opportunity to encounter habitats, wildlife, and plant species that exist in the Commonwealth. We cherish these resources and must protect them so future generations can enjoy them as we have. I commend all those who work with the Virginia Living Museum to help strengthen the community by increasing appreciation of our living world and raising awareness of environmental issues.

On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your families, friends, and community in wishing you the very best for a successful and fulfilling celebration

Sincerely,

MARK R. WARNER United States Senator

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