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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 109
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules
on February 7, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Ticer)

Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Transportation Board, to encourage local governments to nominate additional eligible roads for Virginia byway designation.

WHEREAS, § 33.1-62 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in cooperation with the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, to designate any highway as a Virginia byway; and

WHEREAS, § 33.1-63 defines a Virginia byway as any road, designated as such by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, having relatively high aesthetic or cultural value, leading to or within areas of historical, natural or recreational significance; and

WHEREAS, Virginia byways provide natural and rural vistas for motorists and serve as natural attractions both to in-state and out-of-state tourists; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Commonwealth will celebrate the four-hundredth anniversary of the settling of Jamestown, it is desirable to designate additional Virginia byways to entice increased numbers of visitors to travel the length and breadth of our beautiful Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a U. S. Travel Data Center study looked at the economic impact of 1,600 miles of designated scenic roads throughout the United States and found that travelers spent almost \$48 million while traveling on these roads, generating 920 jobs and nine million dollars in payroll income; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Virginia Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Transportation Board, encourage local governments to nominate additional eligible roads for Virginia byway designation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Transportation and the other members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.

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