

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 797

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Transportation on February 1, 2001)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Grayson)

Memorializing the Virginia Department of Transportation to take all prudent and necessary measures to retain the grassy median on Interstate Route 64 between Virginia Route 199 in York County and Jefferson Avenue in the City of Newport News.

WHEREAS, increasing the capacity of Virginia's highways to meet growing demand is important both to the quality of life of Virginia's residents and also to the traveling enjoyment of the Commonwealth's many visitors; and

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WHEREAS, considerations of visual aesthetics are particularly significant in the vicinity of major tourist destinations, such as the City of Williamsburg; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Department of Transportation be hereby memorialized, when widening Interstate Route 64, to take all prudent and necessary measures to retain the grassy median on Interstate Route 64 between Virginia Route 199 in York County and Jefferson Avenue in the City of Newport News; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.