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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 168

House Amendments in [] — February 13, 2004

Designating March 27 and 28, in 2004, [for as] the Great Virginia Teach-In in the Commonwealth [and supporting the establishment of the Electronic Job Bank and Hiring Hall..]

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Ward

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, teacher effectiveness has been identified as having a profound and cumulative effect on student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the need to attract and retain high-quality teachers to Virginia's classrooms has been identified as a crucial component of the continuing success of Virginia's students; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes the need for all students of the Commonwealth to have access to highly skilled and qualified teachers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate March 27 and 28, in 2004, as the Great Virginia Teach-In in the Commonwealth, in which an enhanced job fair featuring teacher preparation programs, educational financing options, job recruiters, and other exhibitors will be held in an effort to attract a wider and more diverse pool of teaching applicants to the Commonwealth; and, be it

[RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly support the establishment of a state-of-the-art Electronic Job Bank and Hiring Hall by the Virginia Department of Education, which will allow teachers to post their resumes, and school divisions to query for teachers throughout the state, nation, and abroad; and, be it]

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, requesting that they further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of these days on the General Assembly's website.