

2006 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 212

Offered January 20, 2006

Directing the Joint Rules Committee to develop plans for the opening day of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly to be held in Jamestown and the 2007 State of the Commonwealth address to be delivered at the Reconstructed Capitol in Williamsburg.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Virginia became the first permanent English speaking colony in the New World with the founding of Jamestown in 1607; and

WHEREAS, the political genesis of our democratic form of government springs from the establishment of the House of Burgesses in Jamestown in 1619, the first legislative body in the New World; and

WHEREAS, the capital of the Colony of Virginia was moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg when the House of Burgesses first met there on April 21, 1704; and

WHEREAS, Virginia declared independence from England in 1776, the Commonwealth of Virginia was formed, and Williamsburg was last used as the capital on December 24, 1779, when the General Assembly adjourned to reconvene May 1, 1780 at the new capital in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Jamestown is certain to be the center of attention in 2007, as the nation celebrates the 400th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in the New World; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Inaugural Ceremonies for Governor Kaine, Lieutenant Governor Bolling, and Attorney General McDonnell were held at the Reconstructed Capitol in Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, as Virginia and America prepares for the 400th anniversary of the birth of freedom in the New World; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Rules Committee be directed to develop plans for the opening day of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly to be held in Jamestown and the 2007 State of the Commonwealth address to be delivered at the Reconstructed Capitol in Williamsburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly urge the citizens of the Commonwealth to recognize and become familiar with the storied history of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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