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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

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Requesting the Governor to implement such recommendations of the 2002 Governor's Commission on Efficiency and Effectiveness as can be addressed through his executive powers, and to request such additional statutory authority as may be needed in order fully to carry out its recommendations.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, recent sessions of the General Assembly have been dominated by efforts to identify resources that will enable the Commonwealth to address its transportation and other critical needs, and extended special sessions were required in 2004 and 2006 in order to adopt biennial budgets; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon taking office in January of 2002, former Governor Mark Warner established the Governor's Commission on Efficiency and Effectiveness, chaired by former Governor L. Douglas Wilder; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Commission were to (i) identify redundant and ineffective services, (ii) streamline and consolidate state agencies and programs, (iii) better use technology to improve service delivery and reduce costs, and (iv) employ 21st century management tools to make state services more efficient; and

WHEREAS, following almost a year of extensive fact-finding and intensive study, the Commission issued its report in December of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended steps to streamline, consolidate, outsource, and eliminate various state agencies and programs that would have accrued savings of more than \$500 million for the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further identified \$750 million in permanent annual savings in government operations that could be achieved through changes in the state's business operations and practices in procurement, information technology, real estate operations, inventory management, and other areas; and

WHEREAS, there has been no systematic effort to implement the Wilder Commission's full set of proposals; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 the House of Delegates formally requested information about the implementation of the Wilder Commission report from the Governor, and also requested information regarding implementation of the Wilder Commission report from the Cabinet and no formal answer was received addressing either request; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth should look to the savings identified in the Wilder Commission report as the source of additional funds to address the problems of traffic congestion, delays, and extended travel time, thereby providing relief to the commuting public in Virginia's major urban areas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Governor be requested to implement such recommendations of the 2002 Governor's Commission on Efficiency and Effectiveness as can be addressed through his executive powers, and to request of the General Assembly such additional statutory authority as may be needed in order fully to carry out the recommendations.

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