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095515572 1 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 729** 2 3 4 5 6 Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled January 14, 2009 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article IV a section numbered 19, relating to English as the official language of the Commonwealth. Patrons—Joannou and Cole 7 8 Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 9 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to 10 each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next 11 12 general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the 13 provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely: 14 Amend the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article IV a section numbered 19 as follows: 15 16 ARTICLE IV 17 **LEGISLATURE** Section 19. Official language. 18 19 The English language is the official language of the Commonwealth of Virginia.