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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 605

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Expressing support for the establishment of a National Offshore Wind Technology Center in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is in an ideal position to be the leader in the offshore wind energy industry in the United States, and specifically the East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, local utilities, and other industry members have established the National Offshore Wind Technology Center; and

WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center being developed in Hampton Roads, Virginia, is filling a void of technology development and demonstration in the offshore wind industry in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will be conducting turbine testing and certification, metocean data research, environmental impact research and operational research; and

WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will provide opportunities to test and mitigate potential issues with radar and other homeland security concerns; and

WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will establish a national certification for offshore wind turbines that does not currently exist in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Roads, Virginia, is the ideal location in the United States for such a demonstration and technology center; and

WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will be the catalyst to accelerate offshore wind technology development in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this technology center will raise the profile of Virginia in the offshore wind industry in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly expresses support for the establishment of a National Offshore Wind Technology Center in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and that the General Assembly will continue to advocate for the National Offshore Wind Technology Center and support the Commonwealth's role as a leader in the offshore wind energy industry in the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Robert McDonnell, the Virginia Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) requesting that the Governor, the Delegation, the DOE, and the DOI 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 during their deliberations.

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