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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 104

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*Requesting the Department of Historic Preservation to study the feasibility of the construction and maintenance of a hall of fame and museum honoring great Americans in northern Virginia. Report.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, for centuries, the Commonwealth has lead the nation in both creating and preserving American history; and

WHEREAS, in addition, a suitable hall of fame and museum that specifically honors exceptional individuals in American history does not exist anywhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, museums, whether operated by government or private entities, enhance educational opportunities for all Virginians, promote community growth and economic development, and enrich the overall quality of life for citizens throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the construction of an American hall of fame and museum celebrating Americans of exceptional spirit and character would be of particular benefit to the youth of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, an American hall of fame and museum located in northern Virginia, adjacent to the landmarks and other historical areas of the Washington, DC area, would result in significant economic benefit to the businesses of the Commonwealth located near such a museum; and

WHEREAS, the report of the joint committee commissioned by the General Assembly under House Joint Resolution 285 of the 2000 session found that public-private partnerships may provide a stable source of funding for Virginia's museums; and

WHEREAS, such relative financial costs and economic benefits of such an American hall of fame and museum have not been calculated and therefore it is unknown what the return is to such businesses on the Commonwealth's investments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Historic Resources be requested to study the feasibility and economic impact of the construction and maintenance of an American hall of fame and museum in northern Virginia. In conducting its study, the Department of Historic Resources shall study the relative benefit to businesses located near such institutions, compared with the cost of direct and indirect appropriations and other similar benefits made to such institutions by the Commonwealth, whether directly or through a public-private partnership.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$10,000.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Historic Resources for this study, upon request.

The Department of Historic Resources shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and the information collected no later than the first day of the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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