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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 145

Offered January 17, 2020

*Recognizing Navy Week on March 30-April 5, 2020, in Tri-Cities.*

Patrons—O'Quinn, Cole, M.L., Kilgore and Morefield; Senators: Chafin and Pillion

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, on March 30-April 5, 2020, the United States Navy will host one of its annual Navy Week celebrations in Tri-Cities, Tennessee-Virginia, including events in Bristol and at Bristol Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, Navy Week has served as the United States Navy's primary outreach effort in areas that do not maintain a significant naval presence, designed to inform, educate, and entertain members of the public; and

WHEREAS, more than 74 different cities have hosted Navy Week events, and the Tri-Cities are one of 15 locations across the nation that will have the honor of hosting a Navy Week in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Navy Week organizers coordinate with representatives from local government agencies, businesses, civic groups, schools, members of the media, and veterans to plan between 75 and 100 unique events; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Cities Navy Week will feature the sailors and divers from the Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams, the Navy Ceremonial Guard Drill Team, members of the Navy Meteorological and Oceanographic Command's Fleet Weather Center, recruiters from the Navy Talent Acquisition Group, admissions counselors from the United States Naval Academy, and crew members of the reconstructed USS *Constitution*; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy Band will honor the region's contributions to American music through its bluegrass group, Country Current, and Navy personnel plan to participate in race week events for the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to tens of thousands of civilian employees and active-duty members of the United States Navy, serving on Naval Air Station Oceana and the Dam Neck Annex, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Naval Station Norfolk, and Norfolk Naval Shipyard, among other national defense installations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That Navy Week on March 30-April 5, 2020, in Tri-Cities be recognized; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the United States Navy requesting that the council further disseminate copies of this resolution to Navy personnel so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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