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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Offered January 14, 1994

Requesting U.S. military bases in the Commonwealth to adhere to the laws governing the conduct of bingo games.

Patrons—Colgan, Benedetti, Chichester and Robb; Delegates: Cantor, Croshaw, DeBoer and Woodrum

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the laws of the Commonwealth authorize the conduct of bingo and raffles by certain nonprofit organizations to serve religious, educational, community or charitable purposes; and

WHEREAS, competition between charities for revenue to further their lawful charitable purposes is increasing; and

WHEREAS, current law limits the playing of bingo by a charity to two days per week and caps the prizes which may be awarded; and

WHEREAS, U.S. military bases located in the Commonwealth operate bingo games in excess of the games-per-week limitation and award prizes five to ten times greater than is allowed by state statute; and

WHEREAS, charitable organizations cannot compete with the bingo games conducted at military bases; and

WHEREAS, the survival of charitable organizations in some areas is threatened by the failure of military bases to adhere to the bingo laws of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the several military bases located in the Commonwealth be requested to adhere to Virginia law concerning the operation of bingo games conducted on the bases; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the U.S. Secretary of Defense and the members of the Virginia congressional delegation, that they may be apprised of the sense of the Virginia General Assembly in this matter.

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