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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 644

Offered January 23, 1995

*Requesting the Virginia delegation to the United States Congress to consult with the General Assembly concerning unfunded federal mandates.*

Patrons—Cox, Callahan, Crouch, Fisher, Forbes, Hargrove, Ingram, Katzen, Kidd, Kilgore, Nelms, Nixon, O'Brien, Orrock, Parrish, Purkey, Reid, Ruff and Way; Senators: Benedetti, Martin, Potts, Quayle and Robb

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the number of unfunded federal mandates imposed on the states by the United States Congress has increased alarmingly in recent years; and

WHEREAS, this continuing imposition places Virginia and her sister states in the precarious position of either attempting to fund the federal requirements with diminishing amounts of available revenue or jeopardizing the states' eligibility for certain federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the states and the United States Congress should engage in earnest discussions regarding the difficult posture in which the states have been cast and the urgent necessity of the states to receive monetary assistance for these mandates or relief from the enforcement of these unfunded decrees; and

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly desire to communicate in person with the Commonwealth's delegation to the United States Congress concerning this critical problem, so that our representatives may be completely cognizant of the effect that the actions of the federal government have at the state level and may be more sensitive to the difficulties unfunded federal mandates create; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly does respectfully request that all members of the Commonwealth's delegation to the United States Congress appear annually before a joint session of the General Assembly to discuss the problems related to unfunded federal mandates as well as the new burdens that have been imposed by the federal government on the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates, by a copy of this resolution to each, advise the members of the Virginia congressional delegation of this invitation and of our anticipation of their acceptance to appear at an annual joint session of the General Assembly, beginning in 1996, in the month of January on the date to be set each year by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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