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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 345

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Requesting the Department for the Aging to explore avenues for intergenerational planning for the transfer of skills from the elderly to the young.

Patrons—Miller, Y.B., Lambert, Lucas, Marsh and Maxwell; Delegates: Christian, Crittenden, Cunningham, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., Melvin, Robinson and Spruill

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, intergenerational programming is a new name for something that Americans once did naturally — getting together people of many ages to work for the common good and, in so doing, tapping the energy of the young and the wisdom of age; and

WHEREAS, major demographic changes have altered the way we live and, although we actually live closer to each other, our lives run far apart; and

WHEREAS, because of these dramatic changes, the young spend more time with each other than they do with older persons, and persons are living longer and many of our later years are spent in retirement communities or long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, when persons of one generation know little about the persons of another, folkways are often misunderstood and tolerance is low; and

WHEREAS, persons of different age groups can influence and enrich each other's lives and, in working with each other, both the young and old can develop a greater sense of usefulness and purpose; and

WHEREAS, by combining their disparate yet complementary abilities, the young and old can invigorate volunteer and service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the passing of traditions from one generation to another will strengthen the feeling of community and loosen the bonds of isolation and insularity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department for the Aging investigate and promote avenues for intergenerational planning in housing, education, and leisure time activities toward the transfer of skills from the elderly to the young.

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