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1   **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 346**
2   Offered January 23, 1995
3 *Requesting the Department of Housing and Community Development to study ways for tenant*
4   *organizations to receive federal money to promote home ownership by low-income families.*
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6 Patrons—Miller, Y.B., Lambert, Lucas, Marsh and Maxwell; Delegates: Christian, Crittenden,
7   Cunningham, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., Melvin, Robinson and Spruill
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9   Referred to the Committee on Rules
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11   WHEREAS, owning a home represents one of the major personal and economic goals of many
12 American households; and
13   WHEREAS, home ownership is an important factor in the stability of neighborhoods and
14 communities; and
15   WHEREAS, the rising cost of housing and the corresponding high down payment requirements have
16 resulted in a significant barrier to home ownership; and
17   WHEREAS, the Virginia Housing Partnership Fund has established a sold record meeting a broad
18 range of housing needs across the Commonwealth to make safe, decent, and affordable housing available
19 to all citizens; and
20   WHEREAS, even though the strides in housing have advanced through money available from the
21 Partnership Fund, the goal of home ownership remains unattainable to many Virginians; and
22   WHEREAS, although Virginia receives grants and other funds from the federal government for
23 housing, the demand for these funds often results in insufficient money going to tenant and other
24 housing organizations; now, therefore, be it
25   RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Housing and
26 Community Develop be requested to study ways for tenant organizations to receive federal money
27 directly to promote home ownership by low-income families.
28   The Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff support for the study.
29 All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department, upon request.
30   The Department of Housing and Community Development shall complete its work in time to submit
31 its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1996 Session of the General Assembly as
32 provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative
33 documents.