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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 377

*Memorializing Congress to provide for the linkage of the Virginia Peninsula and Southside Hampton Roads to the developing national high speed rail system.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 1995

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 1995

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads region is one of the fastest growing areas in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with 25 percent of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Roads is one of the principal economic engines for the Commonwealth, home to major tourist attractions, vital defense installations, including the world's largest naval base, the USA Command Headquarters and the Air Combat Command, the Port of Hampton Roads, one of Virginia's greatest economic assets; and

WHEREAS, the future economic development of Hampton Roads and thus in large part Virginia's future growth and prosperity bears a direct relationship to our ability to move people and goods rapidly; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Hampton Roads be connected to the transportation networks of the future, if we are to remain competitive in the emerging global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration has designated the Washington-Richmond-Charlotte rail corridor part of a proposed national network of high speed rail corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is currently studying the potential for high speed rail in the Washington to Newport News corridor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to provide for the linkage of both the Virginia Peninsula and Southside Hampton Roads to the developing national high speed rail system; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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