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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 95

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules on February 12, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Newman)

234567 Expressing the sense of the General Assembly in connection with the Virginia segment of the Trans-America Highway.

8 WHEREAS, in recent years, several proposals were put forward in support of creating a new 9 transcontinental super highway across the United States between the east coast and the west coast; and

10 WHEREAS, one such proposed segment would lead through Central Virginia to some point on the 11 Atlantic coast; and

12 WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 81 links Southwest Virginia with Northern Virginia and U.S. Route 58, the subject of its own reconstruction and expansion program, connects Southwest Virginia with 13 Southeastern Virginia along the North Carolina boundary, and Interstate Route 64 carries traffic from 14 West Virginia along the Interstate Route 81 corridor through Richmond to Southeastern Virginia, but no 15 16 comparable super highway ties Central Virginia to Southwest, Northern, or Southeastern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is thus highly desirable that the alignment of any Trans-America Highway segment 17 from Kentucky to Eastern Virginia should pass through Virginia along the alignment designated by the 18 19 federal government; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That it is the sense of the General 21 Assembly that appropriate plans and studies be undertaken by the Department of Transportation under 22 the direction of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to actively encourage and expeditiously prepare, in conjunction with the States of West Virginia and Kentucky, a feasibility study for the 23 24 Trans-America highway; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the 25 Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner that they may be 26 27 apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.