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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 415

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*Memorializing the Congress of the United States to direct the General Accounting Office to update its 1987 report on federal grant-in-aid formulas.*

Patrons—DeBoer, Councill, Croshaw, Dickinson, Hall, Murphy and Parrish; Senators: Gartlan, Miller, K.G. and Walker

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the federal government distributed almost \$229 billion in grants to state and local governments in federal fiscal year 1995; and

WHEREAS, Virginia received approximately \$3.5 billion in federal grants in federal fiscal year 1995; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's receipt of federal grants on a per-capita basis is the lowest of any state in the country and has been for five consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, many federal grants are awarded using mathematical formulas that may be disadvantageous to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the United States General Accounting Office last prepared a catalogue of federal grant formulas in 1987; and

WHEREAS, an updated catalogue of federal grant formulas is vital for Virginia to better understand and address its receipt of federal grant moneys; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to direct the General Accounting Office to update its 1987 catalogue of federal grant formulas as soon as possible; and, be it

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

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