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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 600
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules
on February 17, 1997)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate O'Brien)

Requesting the Virginia Tourism Corporation to study the feasibility and economic impact of building a major convention and exposition center in the Northern Virginia area.

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia is a large metropolitan area with numerous historic and cultural attractions; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's overall economy depends on effective promotion of tourism in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond area has derived benefits from the building of a major convention center which has enhanced portions of the downtown area and had a positive impact on that city's ability to attract visitors; and

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia may benefit from a major convention and exposition center by attracting and expanding business investment, promoting local, national and international trade, creating entrepreneurial and employment opportunities and increasing tourism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Tourism Corporation be requested to study the feasibility and economic impact of building a major convention and exposition center in Northern Virginia.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Virginia Tourism Corporation, upon request.

The Virginia Tourism Corporation is requested to undertake this study as part of its broader examination of the need for the construction of major convention facilities throughout the Commonwealth pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 609 (1997), and to submit its findings and recommendations as part of that study's final report.

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