

975944655

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 302

Senate Amendments in [] — January 30, 1997

[~~Expressing the sense of the General Assembly on~~ Commending the many citizens and organizations in
] the western region of the Commonwealth and proclaiming 1997 "The Year of the Mountains."

Patrons—Edwards, Couric, Hanger, Marye, Miller, K.G., Newman, Potts, Reasor, Reynolds, Trumbo and
Wampler; Delegates: Cranwell, Thomas and Woodrum

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the mountains and valleys of the western region of the Commonwealth offer a rich
diversity of Virginia's geographic character, scenic beauty, native wildlife, and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the western region of the Commonwealth encompasses more than one-third of Virginia's
land and contains a mix of urban, suburban, and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, many issues of a unique nature face the citizens and communities in the western region
of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, some of those issues include transportation, economic development, housing, water and
sewer infrastructure, environmental quality, cultural and recreational activities, and the need to revitalize
the small towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, one of the most dominant issues facing the western region is the ability to promote
economic development while preserving the rural character, cultural heritage, and environmental integrity
of the region's mountains and valleys; and

WHEREAS, several strategic planning efforts have been undertaken by various citizens and
organizations in an effort to create a vision for the future of the western region of the Commonwealth;
and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to review all of the strategic planning efforts that have been
undertaken in an effort to help the citizens and organizations work cooperatively to improve the quality
of life in the western region of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That [it is the sense of the General
Assembly to express appreciation for all of the work that has been undertaken by various citizens and
organizations to create a vision for the future for the western region of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That it is the sense of the General Assembly to encourage efforts to review
all of the strategic plans in an effort to help the citizens and organizations work cooperatively to pursue
common issues of concern to improve the quality of life in the western region of the Commonwealth;
and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That it is the sense of the General Assembly, in recognition of all of the
foregoing, to proclaim 1997 "The Year of the Mountains," and to request that the Governor and all
departments, agencies, and institutions of the Commonwealth support such proclamation; and, be it the
many citizens and organizations in the western region of the Commonwealth be commended for their
outstanding work to create a vision for the future for the western region of the Commonwealth; and, be
it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That such citizens and organizations be encouraged to work cooperatively
to review all strategic plans and pursue common issues of concern to improve the quality of life in the
western region of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That in recognition of all of the foregoing that the year, 1997, be
proclaimed "The Year of the Mountains," and that the Governor be requested to urge all departments,
agencies, and institutions of the Commonwealth to support this proclamation with appropriate
commemorative activities; and, be it]

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the Senate [prepare a copy of this resolution for
presentation transmit a copy of this resolution] to the planning district commissions, elected and
appointed local government officials, and presidents and chairmen of economic development, tourism,
and environmental organizations and chambers of commerce located in the western region of the
Commonwealth that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.

ENGROSSED

S1302E