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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 184

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Requesting the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to study the need for a visitor's center in the Dulles Corridor of Fairfax County.

Patrons—Plum and Callahan; Senator: Howell

Referred to Committee on General Laws

WHEREAS, Fairfax County is the fifth largest business district in the nation, larger than San Diego, New Orleans, and St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the towns of Reston and Herndon combined currently have 20 million square feet of office space with vacancy rates under four percent; and

WHEREAS, the largest number of new corporations, relocations and expansions in Fairfax County are in the Dulles Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Dulles Corridor has been recognized as the "Netplex" and the "Silicon Valley of the East" with the second largest concentration of information technology companies; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Dulles International Airport serves 30,000 passengers each day, with 50 percent of these passenger having the Dulles Corridor as their final destination; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Dulles International Airport is the second largest transatlantic gateway on the East Coast and the third largest gateway to the Pacific Rim; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth needs a continued long-term presence in one of its fastest-growing and economically prosperous regions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Economic Development Partnership be requested to study the need for a visitor's center in the Dulles Corridor of Fairfax County. As part of the study, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall examine the feasibility of financing the visitor's center in the Dulles Corridor through a public-private partnership.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership for this study, upon request.

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1999 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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