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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 233

Offered January 26, 1998

*Requesting the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to open an office in Southwest Virginia.*

Patrons—Tate, Johnson, Kilgore, Phillips and Stump; Senators: Marye, Reasor and Wampler

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Southwest Virginia has not experienced the growth that other regions of Virginia have in the development of technology-based industry; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Virginia has relatively high unemployment rates when compared to the state as a whole, and has not experienced the growth in its labor force as have other areas in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Virginia, however, has a number of universities and colleges in the area that produce an abundance of professional and highly-skilled workers seeking employment; and

WHEREAS, the economic development efforts of Southwest Virginia as a region would be greatly enhanced if a local office of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership were opened in the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Economic Development Partnership be requested to open an office in Southwest Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership in order that it may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.

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