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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 233
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules
on February 16, 1998)
(Patron Prior to Substitute-Delegate Tate)

Requesting the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to open an office in the Eastern Shore and an office in Southwest Virginia.

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

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

WHEREAS, colleges and universities serving the Eastern Shore and Southwest Virginia produce an abundance of professional and highly skilled workers seeking employment; and

WHEREAS, the economic development efforts of the Eastern Shore and Southwest Virginia would be greatly enhanced if a local office of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership were opened in each of these regions; 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 the Eastern Shore and *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.