HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 234

Requesting the Department of Transportation to establish survey benchmarks along highway rights-of-way.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 1998 Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 1998

WHEREAS, in several areas of the Commonwealth, there are few, if any, rigorously established benchmarks upon which to base land surveys and similar activities; and

WHEREAS, this lack of benchmarks complicates land surveying, may cause confusion, and can result in inaccuracy of property boundaries and land records; and

WHEREAS, portions of Virginia's state-maintained highway system extend into all localities in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, it seems highly desirable and reasonable to establish survey benchmarks within and along state-maintained highway rights-of-way in those areas of the Commonwealth experiencing a lack or insufficiency of such benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, it may be desirable and feasible to use global positioning technology to improve the accuracy and minimize the costs of establishing such benchmarks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Transportation be requested to establish survey benchmarks and/or similar datum points along state-maintained highway rights-of-way as part of their highway maintenance and construction activities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner in order that he may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.