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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 274

Offered January 26, 1998

Requesting the Virginia Water Project, Inc., to establish a voluntary contribution program for indoor plumbing assistance in Virginia to assist low-income households.

Patrons—Stump, Almand, Darner, Diamonstein, Hall and Phillips; Senators: Mims, Walker and Woods

Referred to Committee on General Laws

WHEREAS, during the past decade various public, private, and nonprofit organizations in the Commonwealth have sponsored a variety of programs designed to assist households living with inadequate residential water and wastewater facilities; and

WHEREAS, despite the success of these programs, thousands of lower-income Virginians continue to live in housing lacking the most basic water and wastewater facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is reported by the Virginia Water Project that at least 53,000 housing units in Virginia are without any indoor plumbing facilities, and over 90,000 housing units in Virginia are utilizing sewage disposal means — generally outdoor privies — other than septic tank or public sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, as governmental sources of funding for housing improvement programs become more limited, there is an increased need to find alternative means of financing indoor plumbing efforts; and

WHEREAS, one option for encouraging voluntary private sector assistance is the establishment of a special fund to which Virginia residents could contribute through their water and sewer utility invoices — a program similar to the one established by Virginia Power to provide assistance to low-income household for energy and heating costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Water Project, Inc., be requested to establish a voluntary contribution program for indoor plumbing assistance in Virginia to assist low-income households; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Virginia Water Project, Inc., to apprise him of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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