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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 274

House Amendments in [] — February 17, 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 more than 46,000 Virginia households live daily with incomplete] 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 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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