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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

Offered January 21, 1998

Establishing a joint subcommittee to study creation of a second veterans care facility in the Commonwealth.

Patrons-Keating, Abbitt, Albo, Almand, Barlow, Baskerville, Brink, Christian, Councill, Cox, Crittenden, Croshaw, Darner, Davies, DeBoer, Deeds, Diamonstein, Dillard, Grayson, Hall, Harris, Howell, Hull, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., May, McDonnell, McEachin, McQuigg, Melvin, Moran, Morgan, Murphy, Parrish, Plum, Puller, Robinson, Scott, Spruill, Stump, Tata, Tate, Thomas, Van Landingham, Van Yahres, Wardrup, Watts and Williams

Referred to Committee on Rules

14 WHEREAS, the Virginia Veterans Care Center, located in the City of Roanoke, provides adult home 15 and nursing home care for Virginia residents who are veterans of the armed forces of the United States or those who were Virginia residents at the time of their entry in the armed forces; and 16

WHEREAS, the Virginia Veterans Care Center is not only filled to capacity, but maintains a lengthy 17 18 waiting list of persons seeking admission to the facility; and

WHEREAS, it appears desirable to provide for additional adult home and nursing home care for 19 20 Virginia's veterans by constructing another veterans care facility at a new location, thereby better 21 meeting the needs of veterans in Greater Richmond, Northern Virginia and Tidewater; now, therefore, be 22 it

23 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That there is hereby established the 24 joint subcommittee to study the desirability and feasibility of creating a second veterans care facility in the Commonwealth. The joint subcommittee shall be composed of five members as follows: three 25 members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker, and two members of the Senate, to 26 be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. 27

28 In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall consider the need for a second veterans care 29 facility; the desirability of providing a second such facility at a location other than the site of the existing facility in the City of Roanoke; the availability of property, already owned by the 30 Commonwealth, which would provide an appropriate and convenient site for construction of a veterans 31 32 care facility; possible sources of and mechanisms for financing the construction of such a facility; and 33 such other matters as it may deem necessary or appropriate. 34

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 3,750.

35 The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations 36 to the Governor and the 1999 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the 37 Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

38 Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint 39 Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the 40 study.

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