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1   **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 111**
2   AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3   (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules
4   on February 13, 1998)
5   (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Forbes)

6   *Requesting the Virginia Department of Veterans' Affairs to study the establishment of a state veterans'*
7   *cemetery at Hampton Roads.*

8   WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Veterans' Affairs is responsible for the control and operation
9 of all state veterans' cemeteries established in the Commonwealth; and
10   WHEREAS, Virginia has one of the largest populations of veterans in the United States; and
11   WHEREAS, one of the greatest concentrations of veteran populations in Virginia is to be found in
12 Southeast Virginia; and
13   WHEREAS, on May 28, 1997, the Commonwealth opened its only state veterans' cemetery; and
14   WHEREAS, this cemetery is located in Amelia County, more than 100 miles from the veterans
15 living in Southeast Virginia; and
16   WHEREAS, although many national cemeteries are located in Virginia, most of these cemeteries are
17 either filled to capacity or are on the verge of being filled; and
18   WHEREAS, many Virginia veterans who have earned the right to a military burial in a veterans'
19 cemetery find there is nowhere for them to be thus buried except at locations that make it all but
20 impossible for their families to visit their graves; and
21   WHEREAS, this situation is particularly true for the many veterans who live with their families in
22 Southeast Virginia; now, therefore, be it
23   RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Virginia Department of
24 Veterans' Affairs be requested to study the desirability and feasibility of establishing a state veterans'
25 cemetery at Hampton Roads.
26   The Department shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the
27 Governor and the 1999 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division
28 of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.