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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 245**

House Amendments in { } — January 15, 1999

*Memorializing the Congress to place [ ~~a condensed version~~ the Preamble ] of the Constitution of the United States [ and the Bill of Rights ] on the one-dollar bill.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants to the Congress the power to coin money; and

WHEREAS, many Americans are unaware of the provisions of the Constitution, one of the most remarkable and important documents in world history; and

WHEREAS, an abbreviated version of this essential document, consisting of the Preamble [ ; a list of the articles, and a list of the amendments, and the Bill of Rights ] could easily be placed on the reverse of the one-dollar bill; and

WHEREAS, placing the [ ~~Constitution~~ Preamble and the Bill of Rights ] on the one-dollar bill, a unit of currency used daily by virtually all Americans, would serve to remind the people of the historical importance of the Constitution and its impact on their lives today; and

WHEREAS, Americans would be reminded by the Preamble of the blessings of liberty [ ; by the articles, of the framework of the government; ] and by the amendments of the historical changes to the document that forms the very core of the American experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to direct that the United States one-dollar bill be redesigned to [ ~~incorporate a condensed version~~ place the Preamble ] of the Constitution of the United States [ and the Bill of Rights ] on its reverse side; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Congressional Delegation of Virginia so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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