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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 245

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to place the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights on the one-dollar bill.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 15, 1999

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 1999

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 and the Bill of Rights could easily be placed on the reverse of the one-dollar bill; and

WHEREAS, placing the 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 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 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 in this matter.

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