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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 101

Offered January 16, 2014

Encouraging the City of Suffolk and Paul D. Camp Community College to collaborate on the creation of a joint academic center and new library for the Suffolk region.

Patrons—Cosgrove, Lucas and Norment

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the City of Suffolk and Paul D. Camp Community College are discussing plans to create a joint learning center for the Suffolk region that will include a new library and an academic center on the college's campus; and

WHEREAS, the academic center will provide unprecedented educational opportunities and create a model of lifelong learning for the downtown Suffolk community and the Suffolk region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new library and academic center will be designed to deliver transformational educational experiences to the citizens of Suffolk and surrounding localities and also will enable the City and College to maximize and leverage investments and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, although the opportunity exists for a joint academic center between the City of Suffolk and Paul D. Camp Community College, the feasibility of such a bold endeavor should be carefully weighed and explored by the City and the College before committing resources to shared planning and design of the academic center; and

WHEREAS, innovative and creative strategies for appropriate delivery of services and community response should be developed and implemented, and potential funding sources should be identified and examined during the planning stage of the academic center, including an assessment of the need for staff, stakeholders, marketing, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, a joint academic center and new library for the Suffolk region contemplated by the City of Suffolk and Paul D. Camp Community College will provide increased educational and economic development opportunities in the Suffolk region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the City of Suffolk and Paul D. Camp Community College be encouraged to collaborate on the creation of a joint academic center and new library for the Suffolk region; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to Linda T. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Suffolk, and Dr. Paul William Conco, President of Paul D. Camp Community College, requesting that they further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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