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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 629

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Encouraging the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization to allocate funds to enhance interstate signage in the City of Hampton to increase awareness of landmarks and points of interest.

Patrons—Helsel, BaCote and Villanueva; Senators: Locke and Norment

Referred to Committee on Transportation

WHEREAS, Interstates 64 and 664 pass through the City of Hampton and existing signage is lacking both in quantity and quality such that motorists are often unaware they are passing through the City of Hampton; and

WHEREAS, located within the City of Hampton are both landmarks of national historical significance and facilities that are important economic drivers of both the city and the Commonwealth, including Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton VA Medical Center, Hampton University, Langley Air Force Base, and NASA Langley Research Center; and

WHEREAS, the lack of signage conveying to motorists their close proximity to these landmarks and facilities adversely affects tourism, and existing signage is inadequate in informing motorists of their present location as they are often obscured from view by vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton, the Commonwealth, and the federal government facilities located in the City of Hampton all stand to benefit from better signage along the interstates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization be encouraged to allocate funds to enhance interstate signage in the City of Hampton to increase awareness of landmarks and points of interest; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, requesting that it further disseminate copies of this resolution to its respective constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.