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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 445

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Continuing the Dulles Airport Regional Economic Study Commission.

Patrons—Callahan, Hall, Mayer, Mims, Moss and Plum; Senators: Andrews, Calhoun, Howell and Waddell

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Dulles Airport Regional Economic Study Commission was created during the 1994 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly by passage of House Joint Resolution No. 176 and charged with reviewing the development plans, trends, and potentials of Washington/Dulles International Airport and the surrounding region in order to minimize conflicts while maximizing mutually supportive growth both on and off Airport property; and

WHEREAS, although the time required for the appointment of eight citizen members—representing a specific entity or interest—and the convening of special sessions of the legislature in July and September limited what the Commission could accomplish in only one year, the Commission was able, nevertheless, to obtain a considerable overview of the Dulles Airport Region's economic development strengths and weaknesses and position itself promptly to address the Region's problems and potentials on a priority basis, beginning in the spring of 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has found that an aggressive economic and air service development program—similar to that implemented for the ports of Hampton Roads beginning in the 1950's—is essential to protect and enhance the competitive position of Virginia and the Dulles Region and has recommended that its mandate be extended for an additional year in order to make further recommendations relating to such a program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Dulles Airport Regional Economic Study Commission, created during the 1994 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly by passage of House Joint Resolution No. 176, be hereby continued. The Commission shall concentrate its work on those items which will enable the Dulles Airport region to use its strongest assets to maximize its general economic growth while optimizing the use of Dulles Airport as an international gateway to the entire Commonwealth.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$11,500.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1996 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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