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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 514

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*Supporting initiatives to promote educational, research, and preventive efforts to improve the health of women.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the importance of women's health has received increased attention in the Commonwealth and in the nation; and

WHEREAS, comprising 52 percent of Virginia's population, women are the major users of health care, the major providers of health care, and the traditional caretakers of family health; and

WHEREAS, a base of scientific knowledge is essential in advancing the research, education, prevention, and clinical care necessary to improving women's health; and

WHEREAS, such knowledge is vital to the quality, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of the health care provided to the women of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, available research shows that much needs to be done to promote more healthy lifestyles among women and to coordinate the efforts of the many groups interested in women's health; and

WHEREAS, women's health requires a multidisciplinary approach that derives its content from various disciplines, including medicine, nursing, nutrition, women's studies, psychiatry, and the behavioral sciences; and

WHEREAS, in House Document 84, issued pursuant to House Joint Resolution 621 (1993), the Virginia Department of Health acknowledged that relevant data regarding women's health are under-reported and that such data are not sufficiently quantified and analyzed; and

WHEREAS, the statistical study on women's health prepared by the Health Department pursuant to House Joint Resolution 173 (1994) recommended that academic and other institutions play a larger role in women's health issues and in promoting women's health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby express its support for a statewide initiative that supports educational, research, and preventive efforts to improve the health status of women of all ages; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this women's health initiative, which will seek those public and private funds available for this purpose, shall utilize the talents and interest of the many groups in the Commonwealth involved in women's health, particularly Virginia's academic centers, as well as professional, business, and government organizations.

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