

1996 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 187

Memorializing the Secretary of the Navy to name a ship the U.S.S. Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 1996

Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 1996

WHEREAS, the battleship *Virginia* was commissioned at Newport News in 1906 and served our country faithfully until it was decommissioned 24 years later; and

WHEREAS, the cruiser *Virginia* was built in Newport News, called Norfolk its home port, and was decommissioned in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has always played an important role in the United States Navy and is the home of the world's largest naval complex; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate to have a ship of the line named the U.S.S. *Virginia* to honor the home of many naval heroes, one of the original states of the Union, and a place of great significance in U.S. naval history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable John N. Dalton, be urged to designate a ship the U.S.S. *Virginia*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Navy, the Virginia Liaison Office, and the Virginia Congressional Delegation in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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