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RESOLUTION

Approved November 28, 2007

Endorsing the Sesquicentennial Battlefield Initiative of the Civil War Preservation Trust.

WHEREAS, the Civil War Preservation Trust is America's largest nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War Preservation Trust has protected over 40 Civil War battlefield sites in Virginia, totaling nearly 12,000 acres of historical lands that were saved from extinction due to rapid development; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War Preservation Trust has identified more than 50,000 acres of threatened Civil War battlefields in many of Virginia's fastest growing regions, which, if not preserved prior to the Civil War Sesquicentennial, will be lost forever; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War Preservation Trust has proposed a Sesquicentennial Battlefield Initiative to save this endangered land prior to 2015; and

WHEREAS, in addition to preserving Virginia's unique Civil War heritage, the Sesquicentennial Battlefield Initiative will contribute to the protection of open space, wildlife habitats, riparian zones, and endangered streams and creeks throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, which is charged with preparing for and commemorating the 150th anniversary of Virginia's participation in the Civil War, recognizes the importance of battlefield preservation to education, tourism, and economic development throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, That the Sesquicentennial Battlefield Initiative of the Civil War Preservation Trust is endorsed. Further, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission requests that the Governor and the General Assembly support the Sesquicentennial Battlefield Initiative and the efforts of the Civil War Preservation Trust in protecting and preserving endangered battlefields for generations to come; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the staff of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Virginia, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the President of the Civil War Preservation Trust in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the Commission regarding this matter.

William J. Howell, Chairman
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