

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 Expressing support for the establishment of a National Offshore Wind Technology Center in Hampton
2 Roads, Virginia.

3 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is in an ideal position to be the leader in the offshore wind
4 energy industry in the United States, and specifically the East Coast; and

5 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium,
6 the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, local utilities, and other industry members have
7 established the National Offshore Wind Technology Center; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center being developed in Hampton
9 Roads, Virginia, is filling a void of technology development and demonstration in the offshore wind
10 industry in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will be conducting turbine testing
12 and certification, metocean data research, environmental impact research and operational research; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will provide opportunities to test
14 and mitigate potential issues with radar and other homeland security concerns; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will establish a national
16 certification for offshore wind turbines that does not currently exist in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Hampton Roads, Virginia, is the ideal location in the United States for such a
18 demonstration and technology center; and

19 WHEREAS, the National Offshore Wind Technology Center will be the catalyst to accelerate
20 offshore wind technology development in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, this technology center will raise the profile of Virginia in the offshore wind
22 industry in the United States; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly
24 expresses support for the establishment of a National Offshore Wind Technology Center in Hampton
25 Roads, Virginia, and that the General Assembly will continue to advocate for the National Offshore

