

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

26 Wind Technology Center and support the Commonwealth's role as a leader in the offshore wind energy
27 industry in the United States; and, be it

28 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this
29 resolution to Governor Robert McDonnell, the Virginia Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Department
30 of Energy (DOE), and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) requesting that the Governor, the
31 Delegation, the DOE, and the DOI further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective
32 constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter
33 during their deliberations.

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