

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 Encouraging the Superintendent of Public Instruction to promote the use of the Creative Commons
 2 License by K-12 teachers in the Commonwealth in developing educational content, resources
 3 and assessments for the benefit of all citizens of the Commonwealth and that materials created
 4 for and copyrighted by teachers in the Commonwealth be licensed, at such time as they can be
 5 made publicly available, under a Creative Commons Attribution Share-alike 3.0 United States
 6 license or be placed in the public domain.

7 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth expends public funds to create educational materials for use by
 8 the public school systems of the Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, the use of these materials are released to the public for improvement of student
 10 learning and assessment; and

11 WHEREAS, these materials may have broader educational use to the betterment of the citizens
 12 of the Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, citizens should have the freedom to use, customize, improve and redistribute
 14 educational resources for the public good without undue constraint; and

15 WHEREAS, educators worldwide are developing a vast pool of educational resources for
 16 distribution and on the Internet, open and free for all to use; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Superintendent of
 18 Public Instruction to promote the use of the Creative Commons License by K-12 teachers in the
 19 Commonwealth in developing educational content, resources and assessments for the benefit of all
 20 citizens of the Commonwealth and that materials created for and copyrighted by teachers in the
 21 Commonwealth be licensed, at such time as they can be made publicly available, under a Creative
 22 Commons Attribution Share-alike 3.0 United States license or be placed in the public domain.
 23 Additionally, that Taxpayer-funded educational resources should be open educational resources and

