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By: **The Speaker**

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Locating the New Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the U.S. General Services Administration to select for the new  
4 Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters one of the two finalist sites located in  
5 Maryland; and generally relating to the siting of the new Federal Bureau of  
6 Investigation headquarters.

7 WHEREAS, The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Federal  
8 Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are in the process of selecting a location for the new  
9 consolidated headquarters of the FBI; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Congress directed GSA in the Consolidated  
11 Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022 to select a new headquarters site from among three  
12 finalist sites, including Greenbelt, Maryland, Landover, Maryland, and Springfield,  
13 Virginia; and

14 WHEREAS, The goal of the new FBI headquarters project is to consolidate all  
15 headquarters employees into a single facility to both improve the mission of the FBI and to  
16 save taxpayer money on costly leased facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland stands at the center of national defense and  
18 cybersecurity with the National Security Agency, Cyber Command, and the Defense  
19 Information Systems Agency at Fort George G. Meade, the U.S. District Court in Greenbelt,  
20 the U.S. Secret Service Training Center in Laurel, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
21 and Explosives (ATF) National Laboratory Center in Ammendale, and the Federal Law  
22 Enforcement Training Center in Cheltenham, along with close access to Joint Base  
23 Andrews, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, and Ronald Reagan Washington National  
24 Airport; and

25 WHEREAS, Greenbelt and Landover contain the two largest sites under  
26 consideration and are ready for redevelopment and construction either immediately or



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1 within the next 6 to 9 months, and both Greenbelt and Landover sites are either on or near  
2 major mass transportation links into Washington, D.C., and around the metro area; and

3 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden issued an executive  
4 order stating that the “Federal government should, consistent with applicable law, allocate  
5 resources to address the historic failure to invest sufficiently, justly, and equally in  
6 underserved communities, as well as individuals from those communities”; and

7 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, home to both Greenbelt and Landover, is the  
8 only majority–Black jurisdiction in the National Capital Region and placing the new FBI  
9 headquarters in Prince George’s County will give the FBI greater ability to diversify its  
10 workforce, along with close access to Bowie State University, a historically Black college or  
11 university, which could provide a pipeline of diverse employees; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland stands united that it is in the best  
13 interests of the United States of America that the headquarters of the FBI be located at a  
14 site that can meet the current security standards, be situated in the middle of a diverse  
15 community with a large, educated workforce, be close to major transportation links and  
16 other defense and cybersecurity agencies as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, and  
17 that the sites at Greenbelt and Landover best meet those requirements; and

18 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland is committed to fully supporting the  
19 relocation of the FBI headquarters, including supporting employee relocation efforts and  
20 improving transportation infrastructure at both the Greenbelt and Landover sites; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That GSA is urged  
23 to select for the new FBI headquarters one of the two finalist sites located in Maryland;  
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
26 Legislative Services to:

27 (1) the Honorable Robin Carnahan, Administrator, U.S. General Services  
28 Administration, 1800 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20405;

29 (2) the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Benjamin L. Cardin  
30 and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and  
31 Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes,  
32 Glenn F. Ivey, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, David Trone, Kweisi Mfume, and Jamie Raskin,  
33 House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515;

34 (3) the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland;

35 (4) the Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of  
36 Maryland; and

1                   (5)    the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.