

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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By: **The President and Senator A. Washington**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate 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



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.