

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Offered January 20, 2012

Expressing the agreement of the members of the House of Delegates to not make robocalls in their political campaigns to persons who have indicated that they do not wish to receive such calls.

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Committee Referral Pending

WHEREAS, a robocall is a term for an automated phone call that uses both a computerized autodialer and a computer-delivered prerecorded message; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of political robocalls can constitute an annoyance but the National Do Not Call Registry has exempted all political calls; and

WHEREAS, many persons have joined "do not contact" registries, such as the National Political Do Not Contact (NPDNC) Registry, which is a private, nonprofit entity that maintains a database of persons not wishing to receive robocalls and informs political groups of those persons not wishing to receive robocalls; and

WHEREAS, these efforts to avoid making robocalls to persons who do not wish to receive them are voluntary and should be supported; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the members of the House of Delegates voluntarily agree (i) to publicize the availability of the "do not contact" registries such as the National Political Do Not Contact Registry, (ii) to refrain from knowingly making robocalls during the course of their political campaigns to individuals who have registered with such registries, and (iii) to encourage all candidates for public office in Virginia to do the same.