

**D. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMONWEALTH
TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO ESTABLISH A PROJECT
TO RESTORE THE REBECCA VAUGHAN HOUSE**

OPENING STATEMENT

This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-2204, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on a proposed resolution that requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board of Virginia to establish a project to restore the Rebecca Vaughan House, a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and located on a parcel of property owned by the Southampton County Historical Society, Heritage Lane, Courtland. The project seeks to acquire up to \$360,000 in federal enhancement funds which, if acquired, must be matched with other local funding sources of at least \$90,000. The purpose of the project is to restore the property to its 1831 appearance after which it will function as a focal point for heritage tourism, serving as an interpretive center to present the historic background and context for the Southampton Insurrection of 1831.

The notice of public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on October 12 and October 19, 2008 as required by law. After conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered this morning and will proceed to adopt, reject or defer action on the proposed resolution.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.