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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 147

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Commending Vinton G. Cerf.

Patrons—Howell, Colgan, Cuccinelli, Devolites Davis, O'Brien, Potts, Puller, Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple; Delegates: Albo, Amundson, Brink, Bulova, Caputo, Ebbin, Eisenberg, Englin, Hull, May, McQuigg, Moran, Plum, Poisson, Rust, Scott, J.M., Shannon, Sickles and Watts

WHEREAS, Vinton G. Cerf was honored by President George W. Bush with the 2005 Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian award; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Medal of Freedom honors meritorious achievement in public service, science, the arts, education, athletics, business, and other fields and distinguishes recipients who have secured a revered position in the life and culture of the country, as well as the admiration of the American people; and

WHEREAS, Vinton Cerf holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Stanford University, master's and doctoral degrees in computer science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and honorary doctoral degrees from the most prestigious universities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Vinton Cerf is the co-designer, along with Robert Kahn, of the TCP/IP protocols and the architecture of the Internet; and

WHEREAS, Vinton Cerf is vice president and chief Internet proponent for identifying new enabling technologies and advanced Internet-based products and services for Google and the former senior vice president of technology strategy for MCI; and

WHEREAS, while working for MCI, Vinton Cerf developed MCI mail, the first commercial e-mail service to be connected to the Internet; and

WHEREAS, Vinton Cerf served as vice president of the Corporation for National Research Initiatives and vice president of the United States Department of Defense's Advanced Research Projects Agency, where he led the development of Internet and Internet-related data packet and security technologies; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, President Bill Clinton presented the United States National Medal of Technology to Vinton Cerf and his partner, Robert Kahn, for founding and developing the Internet; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Vinton Cerf and Robert Kahn received the ACM Alan M. Turing Award, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computer Science," for their remarkable advances on Internet protocols; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant scientist, Vinton Cerf has been honored with the most distinguished scientific awards in his field, contributes his vast knowledge and expertise to scientific organizations worldwide, and is recognized as one of the "Fathers of the Internet"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Vinton G. Cerf for his vision and pioneering spirit; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Vinton G. Cerf as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for his unprecedented contributions to the technology that connects people all over the world.

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