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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 245

Offered February 4, 2010

Commending the Wise County and City of Norton Bar Association and the Clerk of Circuit Court for Wise County and the City of Norton for their leadership and innovation in information technology in judicial administration.

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WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court for Wise County and the City of Norton has been a recognized leader in judicial information technology development relating to subscriber-based remote real estate document access and judicial administration and attorney access to digital civil and criminal case files originating within the court service area; and

WHEREAS, the Wise County and Norton Bar Association has participated in several training sessions to utilize and comply with Rule 1:17 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia throughout 2009 to support greater judicial efficiency and productivity; and

WHEREAS, members of the Wise County and Norton Bar Association have been utilizing remote access to digital civil and criminal case files over the past year, reducing the time and effort associated with locating and reviewing paper files; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court for Wise County and the City of Norton has engaged a private service provider to enable electronic filing of civil and criminal court filings with the direct support of the Wise County and Norton Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, members of the Wise County and Norton Bar Association have, by means of written agreement, signed on to utilize the electronic filing system in compliance with Rule 1:17 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, further increasing the joint technology effort and reducing time and cost related to paper filing; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court for Wise County and the City of Norton has provided digital court file access to the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court of Appeals of Virginia, the Virginia Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission, the Virginia Department of Corrections Probation and Parole offices, the Virginia Department of Social Services Child Support and Enforcement, the Virginia Southwest Regional Drug Task Force, the Commonwealth's Attorney for Wise County and Norton City, and the Virginia Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, the governmental agencies and private attorneys with professional need to access digital civil and criminal court files from the Clerk of Circuit Court in Wise County and the City of Norton have found the service to be cost effective in these austere fiscal times; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Circuit Court and its exemplary staff have been previously recognized for their outstanding achievements by the Supreme Court of Virginia Office of the Executive Secretary, the Virginia Innovation Technology Symposium with two Governor's Technology Awards, the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, the Southwestern Virginia Technology Council, the National Association of Counties, the Environmental Systems Research Institute, and others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Wise County and Norton Bar Association and the Clerk of Circuit Court for Wise County and the City of Norton for their unparalleled level of information technology innovation applied to judicial administration; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the president of the Wise County and Norton Bar Association and the Clerk of Circuit Court for Wise County and the City of Norton for their commitment to excellence in judicial administration and their many contributions to the Commonwealth.

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