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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 126

Offered February 6, 2014

Commending N. Jerry Simonoff.

Patron—Watkins

WHEREAS, N. Jerry Simonoff, director of enterprise solutions and governance at the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, has provided exemplary leadership in an ever-changing environment and helped position the Commonwealth as a national leader in government technology; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Simonoff has served as a director of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) since the agency's inception in July 2003 and currently oversees statewide information technology (IT) strategic planning; promulgation of IT policies, standards, and guidelines; and exploration of new technologies and enterprise applications; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Simonoff's responsibilities also include the state's E-911 program, statewide geographic information systems services, and the development and support of VITA's internal and business software applications services to VITA customer agencies; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Simonoff played a key role in the establishment of VITA's IT infrastructure public-private program—the most extensive and successful such arrangement to date in state government—by chairing the multi-agency steering committee that oversaw the review of proposals and serving on the negotiation team that developed the agreement with Northrop Grumman Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Simonoff also directed the development and implementation of the Commonwealth's IT investment management program, including promoting project management best practices and approving and providing oversight of the Commonwealth's major IT projects and procurements; the success of the program has virtually eliminated IT project failures in state government and has won national acclaim; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formation of VITA, Jerry Simonoff served as director of the Department of Technology Planning (formerly the Council on Information Management), where he championed initiatives to improve the planning, budgeting, and management of technology projects to make more effective use of available funding sources; and

WHEREAS, when coming to state government in 1992, Jerry Simonoff brought 15 years of experience in management and information systems consulting with several regional firms and seven years of experience in regional planning; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Simonoff has served on the Virginia Information Providers Network (VIPNet) Authority Board of Directors and has been chair of the State Wireless E-911 Services Board and a member of several state advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Simonoff is a native of Norfolk, holds a bachelor's degree in economics from North Carolina State University and a master of regional planning degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is a graduate of the Virginia Executive Institute; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Simonoff's extensive volunteer experience includes leadership positions on the boards of several religious, nonprofit, and community organizations in the Richmond area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend N. Jerry Simonoff for his extensive, productive, and dedicated service to the Commonwealth and his well-deserved upcoming retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to N. Jerry Simonoff as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his commitment and service to the Commonwealth

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