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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 276

Offered February 9, 2016

Commending Google.

Patrons—Plum and Rasoul; Senators: Ebbin and Howell

WHEREAS, Google was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2016 Best of Reston Award in the Corporate Business Leader category for its outstanding support of many community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Best of Reston awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to helping others and improving the lives of people throughout the greater Reston area; and

WHEREAS, Google has been involved in many areas of the community; the global technology company has provided grants to numerous local nonprofit and entrepreneurial companies to help them continue to grow and achieve their missions; and

WHEREAS, some of the charitable, educational, and cultural organizations that have received grants from Google include Northern Virginia Family Service Training Futures workforce development program, Cornerstones, Inc., Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Foundation, Inc., and a program at the National Flight Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bradshaw, an employee of Google, is chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce; the company has actively supported the work of the Chamber for more than seven years and also has generously provided annual scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Google has hosted educational programs for businesses and nonprofit associations that have been organized by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce; the company also has been the host of Cornerstone's Awardee Announcements reception; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Google has been the financial sponsor for the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce's Ethics Day event, and volunteers from Google have led ethics programs at local schools in conjunction with the event; and

WHEREAS, another worthwhile cause that Google has supported in the Reston area is the INC.spire Education Foundation, which helps startup companies launch their businesses and supports them by providing mentors and continuing education seminars; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Google for its generous support of charitable, educational, cultural, and business programs throughout the Reston area and for its well-deserved honor as a 2016 Best of Reston Award recipient in the Corporate Business Leader category; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mike Bradshaw of Google as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its outstanding commitment to the people and businesses of Reston.

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