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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 227

Commending the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing, a statewide, nonprofit, and nonpartisan association of procurement practitioners, celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the largest procurement association in the Commonwealth, the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing (VAGP) was established to promote the Virginia Public Procurement Act as well as to improve and assist public purchasers through legislative advocacy, research, education, and other services; and

WHEREAS, VAGP held its first organizational meeting at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond in 1957, and it became a chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the following year, however, NIGP eliminated all of its chapters, and VAGP would not rejoin the national organization until 20 years later in 1978; and

WHEREAS, for 40 years, VAGP and NIGP have had a productive relationship, and five distinguished Virginia chapter members—J. W. Huffman, G. Lloyd Nunnally, T. Gordon Sandridge, Curtis L. Walsh, and Larry N. Wellman—have served as national presidents; and

WHEREAS, representing more than 1,100 procurement professionals, VAGP membership includes employees working in state, city, and local governments; educational institutions; and special authorities in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, VAGP's many goals include promoting professionalism, providing education and information, recommending legislative improvements as well as uniform purchasing laws and standards, and fostering networking and the exchange of ideas; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, VAGP has partnered with John Tyler Community College to provide continuing education credits to seminar participants; and

WHEREAS, for 60 years, VAGP has helped its members increase their effectiveness in the field of procurement to better serve the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the organization and its members for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding public service.