

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 562

Commending the Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment Program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, the Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment (STAR) Program helps provide computers and computer skills to students and families in need in Prince William County and throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, founded by Aneesh Chopra, the former chief technology officer of Virginia and the first chief technology officer of the United States, the Virginia STAR Program accepts donations of computers and refurbishes them for families that do not have a computer at home; and

WHEREAS, administered through Prince William County Public Schools and its SPARK Education Foundation, the Virginia STAR Program serves 70 schools in more than 44 school districts across the Commonwealth and has donated more than 14,000 computers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to refurbishing and donating computers, the Virginia STAR Program gives students the technological knowledge and training to succeed in the information age and allows their parents to participate in the learning process; recipients also have the opportunity to learn computer skills from Prince William County technology students; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia STAR Program can be offered as part of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curricula or as an after-school program; students can also earn industry certifications through the program; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia STAR Program has fulfilled its mission with the hard work of its student participants and the support of government agencies and corporate partners such as Micron Technology and Lockheed Martin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment Program for its work to provide computers and computer skills to students and families; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chuck Drake, coordinator of the Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment Program, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the program's noble mission to ensure that students have the tools they need to achieve academic success.

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