

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

*Commending the National Federation of Independent Business.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Independent Business, a professional organization that has served as a valuable source of educational opportunities, information sharing, and advocacy for small businesses in the Commonwealth, celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, small and independent businesses are the backbone of the economy and create a vast array of goods, services, and jobs throughout the Commonwealth and across America; the laws of the United States (15 U.S.C. § 631) recognize that encouraging and developing the capacity of small business, as does the National Federation of Independent Business, is essential to the free market competition upon which the economic well-being and security of the nation depend; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1943, the National Federation of Small Business was created to represent the interests of thousands of small businesses, and on April 4, 1949, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) succeeded the National Federation of Small Business and carried on its important work; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, the NFIB has expanded to represent hundreds of thousands of small and independent businesses, including many in the Commonwealth, and has steadfastly advanced their ability to own, operate, and grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, the NFIB ensures that the federal government of the United States and all 50 state governments hear the voice of small business as they formulate public policies; and

WHEREAS, the small and independent businesses and the people of Virginia have benefited from the work of the NFIB for three-quarters of a century; and

WHEREAS, the NFIB will celebrate its 75th anniversary at its next annual summit, which will take place June 18 - 20, 2018, in Washington, D.C.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the National Federation of Independent Business hereby be commended on its years of service to the Commonwealth's small business community on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the National Federation of Independent Business as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its impressive accomplishments and dedication to providing advocacy and representation for its members.

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