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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 188

Offered February 26, 2018

*Commending SOS International LLC.*

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WHEREAS, SOS International LLC, a government contractor that has served the defense, intelligence, and law-enforcement communities for more than 25 years, was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2018 Best of Reston Award; 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, founded in 1989 by Sosi Setian to provide analytical, foreign language, and cultural advisory services to law-enforcement agencies, SOS International LLC (SOSi) has grown to become a government services integrator and solutions provider, now working primarily in the defense and intelligence sectors; and

WHEREAS, respected for its flexibility and willingness to accept any challenge, SOSi has delivered intelligence, technology, and project management solutions to government and private sector clients in more than 30 countries worldwide and throughout all 50 states and United States territories; and

WHEREAS, a family-owned company, SOSi places a high emphasis on the importance of good corporate citizenship and giving back to those in need, investing more than \$300,000 in corporate, civic, and professional organizations and community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, SOSi recently launched a Social Committee to oversee outreach events, campaigns, and partnerships and help employees adhere to the company's corporate values of excellence, integrity, and determination; and

WHEREAS, employees of SOSi hold leadership positions in many nonprofit and service organizations and actively engage with volunteer activities, including efforts to support veterans and their families; in 2017, SOSi began supporting Dog Tag Inc., which offers entrepreneurial education and real-world business training to disabled veterans, military spouses, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, building on its history in language services, SOSi staff fight cultural isolation by offering translation services for Cornerstones' clients, including in Fairfax County where 39.2 percent of people speak a language other than English at home; and

WHEREAS, SOSi employees have also collaborated with the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce to serve as mentors at South Lakes High School on Ethics Day and planned other events throughout the year as part of the chamber's Community Outreach Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend SOS International LLC on its well-deserved honor as a 2018 Best of Reston Award recipient; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Julian M. Setian, chief executive officer of SOS International LLC, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's enduring commitment to making Reston a special place to live, work, and play.

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