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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

Offered March 5, 2018

*Commending the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities.*

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities is an association of private Virginia providers of specialized education and services for children and youth with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF) was chartered in 1973 for the purpose of developing and maintaining an effective collaborative relationship with public sector educational and human service agencies; and

WHEREAS, VAISEF has since established a mission to enhance the capabilities of its members to provide quality specialized education and services, by offering an accreditation process and providing information, training, and networking opportunities, and to increase opportunities for members to provide services, by advocating for a full continuum of services, advocating for an increased role of the private sector, and networking with state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, VAISEF is now composed of more than 80 facilities, which, to be eligible, must be licensed by the Virginia Department of Education and engaged full time in the education and treatment of children and youth with special needs; and

WHEREAS, eligible VAISEF facilities must provide experiences that will enable the individual to develop physical, intellectual, social, and emotional capabilities to their fullest potential; to learn and live in a positive environment that is conducive to personal dignity and growth; and to continue the development of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will enhance participation in society; and

WHEREAS, VAISEF member facilities annually serve over 4,000 students with disabilities and their families, ensuring that they receive a quality education that meets their individual learning needs; and

WHEREAS, during the past 45 years, VAISEF, through its rigorous set of standards established to provide a framework for accreditation through a peer review process approved by the Virginia Council for Private Education and recognized by the Virginia State Board of Education, has supported its members in continuing to provide innovative and high-quality educational services to Virginia's children, youth, and adults with special needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, That the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities hereby be commended on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's appreciation for its 45 years of service to Virginia's youth and their families.

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