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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 389

Offered February 11, 2019

*Commending Business Engineering, Inc.*

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WHEREAS, Business Engineering, Inc., a privately owned business in Reston that provides information technology support to companies throughout the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area, was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2019 Cornerstones of Our Community Best of Reston Award for its high emphasis on good corporate citizenship; 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 1987 by Mike and Ellen Jennings, Business Engineering, Inc., (BEI) offers network evaluation, design, installation, and support; the company both functions as an outsourced information technology (IT) department for clients and works with existing internal IT departments; and

WHEREAS, BEI seeks out employees who share the company's values of honesty, integrity, and customer service and promotes a healthy life balance between work, family, and community; the company emphasizes the importance of professional development for its employees as well as customer education, hosting no-cost seminars on technical topics throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, for more than 15 years, BEI has been an active partner in the Reston community, with members of the company using their IT expertise to support other local businesses and organizations, such as the Greater Reston Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, BEI has been a member of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce since 2003 and has provided IT support to the chamber since 2009, with Mike Jennings serving on the chamber's Board of Directors; Ellen Jennings has been a member of Resourceful Women since 2013 and spearheaded the committee's support of the Artemis House domestic violence shelter; and

WHEREAS, other BEI executive staff serve on the chamber's Innovation Committee and Reston Planning and Zoning Committee, and many BEI employees are active in chamber-sponsored community events; and

WHEREAS, BEI supports young people as a sponsor for the South Lakes High School Athletic Boosters and is a supporter of the Northern Virginia Maker Faire, which gives children the opportunity to learn about computers and electronics; BEI is also active with Boy Scout Troop 20 and the Women in Technology and Girls in Technology organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Business Engineering, Inc., for its many contributions to the Reston community and on the well-deserved honor as a 2019 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 Business Engineering, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's enduring commitment to making Reston a special place to live, work, and play.

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