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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 519

Offered February 15, 2021

*Commending Buddy Rizer.*

Patrons—Subramanyam, Delaney, Gooditis, Murphy and Reid

WHEREAS, Buddy Rizer, executive director of the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development, has admirably served the community by supporting local small businesses and workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in his position, Buddy Rizer fosters relationships between Loudoun County and its businesses and has promoted growth and development in the region by attracting more than \$20 billion in new investments and by facilitating the creation of thousands of new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Rizer's notable accomplishments in recent years include the development of "Data Center Alley" in Ashburn, and he has been consistently recognized by various local publications for his outsized role in boosting the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, as the leader of Loudoun County's economic development endeavors, Buddy Rizer has provided vital services in recent months that have enabled an untold number of small businesses and workers to weather the financial impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Rizer and the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development have helped numerous businesses access capital and emergency funding to stay solvent during these tumultuous times; and

WHEREAS, through the "Take Loudoun Home" initiative, Buddy Rizer and the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development inspired residents and visitors of Loudoun County to frequent their favorite local businesses and establishments; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Rizer and the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development spearheaded the "Loudoun is Ready" pledge to encourage local businesses to commit to following best health and safety practices for the benefit of their customers and the community; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Rizer and the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development have created resources for individuals seeking employment, including those who lost their job as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to ensure the financial security and well-being of many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Buddy Rizer, executive director of the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development, hereby be commended for his tireless efforts to support local businesses and individuals throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Buddy Rizer as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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