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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 787

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Commending Virginia's technology sector.

Patrons—Anderson, Bloxom, Heretick, Plum and Rasoul; Senators: Reeves and Ruff

WHEREAS, Virginia's technology sector provides important information technology services to residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and private industry partners in Virginia have varying sources of information technology services and equipment available to them; and

WHEREAS, many of these legacy systems cost state agencies and private businesses significant sums for maintenance and updates and are becoming increasingly obsolete; and

WHEREAS, information technology services for state agencies, boards and commissions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses can avoid capital outlay and maintenance charges, as well as increase cybersecurity, by using cloud computing, along with updated software services and systems; and

WHEREAS, many Virginia businesses and state agencies have pursued existing opportunities to use commercial cloud computing services and commercial cloud-based applications and acquired technology resources, such as computer power, database services, storage, and other products services on an as-needed, pay-as-you-go basis through a secure environment; and

WHEREAS, efforts to expand the use of the cloud and cloud-based systems and applications could help mitigate against federal budget cuts and to facilitate the creation of technology-based jobs and economic activity in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, many local and federal agencies, educational institutions, major companies, and nonprofit organizations throughout Virginia and the rest of the United States are already pursuing a "cloud first" policy by using commercial cloud computing services and commercial cloud-based applications to maximize every budget dollar allocated to such services, and to address growing cybersecurity concerns; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Virginia's technology sector for its efforts to advance the use of cloud technology and associated applications where appropriate to both extend funds budgeted for technology and to improve the Commonwealth's cyber security position in an increasingly threatening cyber environment; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Information Technologies Agency as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Virginia technology sector's work to modernize and protect the Commonwealth's information technology systems by leveraging commercial cloud computing services that comply with rigorous security requirements while driving cost savings and achieving new efficiencies.

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