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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 280

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Commending CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc.

Patrons—Wampler, Kilgore and O'Quinn

WHEREAS, CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc., opened its first United States onshore information technology services delivery center, commonly referred to as the Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence, in the Town of Lebanon in January 2006, and the center celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, with its United States headquarters located in Fairfax County, CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc., (CGI) is one of the largest independent information technology and business process services firms in the world; and

WHEREAS, CGI's Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence was made possible with the support of the Office of the Governor of Virginia, the Russell County Industrial Development Authority, and the Town of Lebanon, and through partnerships with Virginia universities and community colleges; and

WHEREAS, CGI's Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence now employs more than 375 professionals; and

WHEREAS, CGI selected Lebanon, a town of 3,200 people located in Russell County, for the Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence based on the area's high quality of life, geographic proximity to a large market for information technology services, strong business incentives from the Commonwealth, collaboration with business-friendly state and local governments, and strong partnerships with academic institutions; and

WHEREAS, the location of CGI's Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence allows many local graduates to remain in the area to pursue a career in information technology, and it has allowed many others to return to Southwest Virginia while pursuing a career in technology; and

WHEREAS, CGI's Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence provides world-class information technology systems development, maintenance, and integration services to federal, state, and local government entities, as well as telecommunications, financial services, insurance, retail, and manufacturing firms; and

WHEREAS, CGI's Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence hosts custom-tailored training programs delivered by local educational partners and draws skilled local talent from a feeder system of more than 30 colleges and universities, a strong recruiting network, and regionally sponsored programs; and

WHEREAS, CGI's Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence gives back to the region through the Corporate Social Responsibility program, particularly in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, serving as trusted advisors for local educators, introducing students to information technology early in their educational development, and providing educational supplies for students in disadvantaged situations; and

WHEREAS, through the Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence, CGI has demonstrated that public-private partnerships, when properly structured, can create and sustain well-paying jobs in rural areas of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the opening of the Southwest Virginia Technology Center of Excellence in Lebanon; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the employees of CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their diligent work, commitment to the Commonwealth, and contributions to the local economy of Southwest Virginia.

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