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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 579**

Offered February 23, 2021

Commending the Loudoun County Public Schools Education Technology Team and Department of Digital Innovation.

Patrons—Gooditis, Delaney, Murphy, Reid, Samirah and Subramanyam

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Loudoun County Public Schools Education Technology Team and Department of Digital Innovation have worked diligently to support students and faculty members conducting virtual classes; and

WHEREAS, in spring 2020, the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Education Technology Team successfully implemented the Schoology virtual learning environment system by developing training courses for teachers and coordinating with curriculum teams and external partners to build specialized lesson plans; and

WHEREAS, the LCPS Education Technology Team supported the distribution of devices to students and has handled countless requests for assistance and repair services through a team of 120 digital experts at 11 sites; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that students had the tools they needed to succeed in at-home virtual learning, the LCPS Department of Digital Innovation distributed more than 80,000 Google Chromebook laptops to all students in pre-kindergarten to 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, the LCPS Department of Digital Innovation originally provided the laptops to students in third grade and up who did not already have access to a home computer; the program was later expanded to give all students a safe, secure platform for virtual learning; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2020 and into 2021, the LCPS Education Technology Team and Department of Digital Innovation continued to provide technical support and assistance for students and professional development and guidance for teachers to help virtual learning continue with minimal interruptions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Loudoun County Public Schools Education Technology Team and Department of Digital Innovation hereby be commended for their work to implement virtual learning during 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 the Loudoun County Public Schools Education Technology Team and Department of Digital Innovation as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their achievements in service to students in Loudoun County.