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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 773

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending I-66 Express Mobility Partners.

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WHEREAS, I-66 Express Mobility Partners is a consortium of private developers including Cintra, Meridiam, and APG, doing business in the Commonwealth under the public-private partnership model with the Virginia Department of Transportation, and FAM Construction LLC, the Project's design-build contractor, a joint venture of Ferrovial Construction and Allan Myers; and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the I-66 Express Lanes outside the Beltway between I-495 (Capital Beltway) and I-66 (Gainesville) opened ahead of schedule in the midst of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the I-66 Express Lanes are a transformative 22.5-mile multi-modal mega-project featuring seamless pavement, dedicated access ramps, 11 miles of shared-use path paralleling the lanes, and sufficient median space for constructing future transit infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the I-66 Express Lanes, a component of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project, was among the largest public-private partnership (P3) infrastructure projects in the United States this century; and

WHEREAS, the lanes provide Northern Virginia commuters, businesses, and mass transit with a reliable option to move people, goods, and services throughout the I-66 corridor, allowing drivers to "Sit Less, Live More"; and

WHEREAS, I-66 Express Mobility Partners returned \$600 million to the Commonwealth in anticipated public subsidy to be used for other projects; and

WHEREAS, throughout the project, a total of 63 bridges have been renovated or newly constructed and two new park-and-ride lots were constructed to provide more than 4,000 spaces for commuters; and

WHEREAS, the project also includes safety and operational improvements at key interchanges, new and expanded commuter bus service, and bicycle and pedestrian paths and connections throughout the corridor, including the new I-66 Parallel Trail; and

WHEREAS, the project has already benefited the local economy by engaging more than 400 local and regional subcontractors and suppliers, while exceeding its goal of hiring Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), committing more than 20 percent in construction contracts to DBE contractors; and

WHEREAS, sustainable practices were used in construction, including repurposing more than 430,000 tons of rubblized concrete and one million tons of rubblized stone from the existing highway; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend I-66 Express Mobility Partners on the occasion of the opening of the I-66 Express Lanes; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to I-66 Express Mobility Partners as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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