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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 786

Offered February 20, 2023

*Commending the Aviation Institute of Maintenance.*

Patrons—Glass; Senator: Cosgrove

WHEREAS, founded in Norfolk in 1969, the Aviation Institute of Maintenance is part of a successful group of companies that has grown to become a network of campuses across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) is well-known for providing high-quality, hands-on training to its students through its programs and has gone beyond aviation by developing related industry technician programs; and

WHEREAS, AIM seeks to provide valuable science, technology, education, and mathematics education through summer youth programs serving five different age groups, helping countless young people achieve careers in aerospace; and

WHEREAS, AIM's education programs include the Young Flyers program, the Flying Ace program, the Norfolk Aviators program, and the Certified Drone Pilot program, which culminates in a Federal Aviation Administration certification in professional unmanned aircraft systems operation; and

WHEREAS, AIM continues to offer programs for military spouses, active duty service members, and veterans to increase the workforce in aviation across multiple job paths; from maintenance technicians to drone piloting, AIM works for and with the community to increase access for all; and

WHEREAS, AIM and its highly qualified staff provide classroom and laboratory instruction in actual airplane hangars, workshops, and other professional environments, ensuring that students become well-trained and skilled professionals; and

WHEREAS, AIM provided insight and valuable assistance in securing space, volunteers, and funding for the inaugural "Norfolk Can Fly" event held in Norfolk in May 2022 to promote aviation careers and aviation workforce development; and

WHEREAS, AIM's outstanding work ethic and willingness to begin the creation of a new, annual endeavor to encourage and foster the aviation industry within the Norfolk area and throughout the nation makes it a welcome partner and a valued institution in the City of Norfolk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Aviation Institute of Maintenance for its legacy of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Aviation Institute of Maintenance as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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