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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 816

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending CodeVA.

Patrons—Willett and VanValkenburg; Senator: Hashmi

WHEREAS, CodeVA, a nonprofit organization in Richmond that partners with schools, parents, and communities to develop computer science education opportunities for students throughout the Commonwealth, received a grant from Google to create a network of computer science lab schools; and

WHEREAS, established in 2013, CodeVA was based on the CodeRVA regional high school model that built partnerships with 15 school divisions in the Richmond region to provide a rigorous computer science education through a combination of academic content, project-based learning, and internship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, by advocating for computer science literacy, CodeVA plays a critical role in workforce development for technology-based jobs of the present and future; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, CodeVA received a \$250,000 grant from Google to establish a network of computer science lab schools, where students can access comprehensive computer sciences resources, teachers can find professional development opportunities, and workers seeking a career change can develop new skills; and

WHEREAS, through this innovative partnership with Google, CodeVA will promote the Commonwealth as a leader in the knowledge economy by helping new generations of learners prepare for jobs in computer science and information technology; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend CodeVA for its ongoing work to create and expand computer science education opportunities for Virginia students; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to CodeVA as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's visionary leadership in computer science education.