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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 384

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*Commending Internet service providers in Virginia.*

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WHEREAS, Internet service providers in Virginia have worked diligently to bring universal broadband Internet coverage to all areas of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in today's digital age, it is important for students to have access to fast, reliable Internet service to complete school assignments, further their education, and prepare for future careers; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goal of universal broadband coverage, the General Assembly created the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative, a public-private partnership with the goal of constructing this broadband network; and

WHEREAS, to reach underserved communities, including individuals and families in rural areas or low-to-moderate-income households, the General Assembly created the Line Extension Customer Assistance Program to extend existing broadband networks to these addresses; and

WHEREAS, in order to foster widespread adoption of broadband, Virginia Internet service providers have helped implement these initiatives and created low-cost broadband programs to bring the Internet to low-to-moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, as a result of broadband adoption programs, thousands of Virginia students and eligible Virginia families now have bridged the digital divide by adopting broadband Internet; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Internet service providers in Virginia for their efforts to enhance broadband Internet infrastructure and increase the adoption of broadband Internet among low-to-moderate-income households; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of Internet service providers in Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the achievements of these organizations in service to Virginians.

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