

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

Commending the Information Technology Investment Board, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and the agencies and vendors for successfully moving the Commonwealth's computing and network processing center.

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Commonwealth entered into a public-private agreement with Northrop Grumman Corporation to transform state government's information technology (IT) infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), under the supervision of the Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB), is overseeing the \$2 billion, 10-year agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, over the weekend of December 15 - 16, 2007, VITA, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and numerous state agencies moved the Commonwealth's computing and network processing center -- the heart of processing and storage of critical information held electronically by state government -- to a new, top-of-the-line, more secure and agile computing and network center in Chester; and

WHEREAS, the last move of this size and complexity for state government occurred more than 25 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the move took months of advance planning, involving hundreds of dedicated state employees, Northrop Grumman, and other technology partners; and

WHEREAS, the computing and network infrastructure, formerly located in the City of Richmond, was shut down and teams worked around the clock to redirect network links, move data to the new computing and network infrastructure, and test systems to make sure that everything was working properly; and

WHEREAS, the move was a tremendous effort with extremely successful results, and, in fact, it was accomplished ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS, this move and related successes of the public-private partnership efforts to date show these transformation activities are taking state government information technology in the right direction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Information Technology Investment Board, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and the agencies and vendors who partnered and cooperated for the successful move of the Commonwealth's data processing facilities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Information Technology Investment Board as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the outstanding performance of the ITIB, VITA, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and the agencies and vendors who participated in this venture.